

# Laith Marouf: Hezbollah's Real Position on Iran-US Deal

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## #Nima

Hi, everybody. Today is Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026. And our dear friend, our brother Laith Marouf from Beirut is here with us. Welcome back, Laith.

## #Laith

Great to be with you, Nima.

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Let me start with what we learned yesterday. We know that since the ceasefire was announced by the Trump administration, there was no ceasefire. Israel was attacking Lebanon in the south, destroying many villages there. But we learned yesterday that Hezbollah responded using rockets. What was that?

## #Laith

Yeah, there was a speech by the Secretary General of Hezbollah, Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah — sorry, martyred Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah. You know, he's still on our mind. But Naeem Qasim is saying basically that they will retaliate to any violations of the ceasefire and they will not wait. And then there was a statement by the highest-ranking member of parliament belonging to the Hezbollah party, MP Raed, yesterday, calling on the president of Lebanon to just come back, stop humiliating himself — him and the prime minister trying to negotiate with the enemy — and that anything they sign is irrelevant, and that Hezbollah will continue to attack the invading forces until the liberation of every inch of Lebanon.

So since yesterday, we've been seeing attacks by Hezbollah on Israeli positions inside occupied parts of Lebanon, as well as Israeli gathering points inside North Palestine. And they have issued official statements confirming these attacks. So it's not like, you know, the days before there were multiple attacks on Israeli positions inside occupied parts of Lebanon, but Hezbollah didn't announce them.

But now we are seeing them being announced publicly. And, you know, that means that the war is fully back here in Lebanon.

But the Zionists seem to be scared of attacking outside the zones of South Lebanon because that would trigger a response from Yemen, a response from Iraq, a response from Iran. And when we also couple that with the ceasefire extension, the indefinite extension that Trump just announced, it feels more like the Zionists are now standing alone and the U.S. is not going to start a war. But, you know, once again, maybe that's all just delay tactics while the United States gathers more of its forces and equipment in the region to try to start a stage two of the attack on Iran.

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I think that makes sense. But when it comes to Lebanon, there are a lot of, you know, political moves, I would say, some sort of negotiations behind the scenes, talks behind the scenes to make some sort of chaos in Lebanon. That is happening as we speak. How do you see the role of the Lebanese government in that? And do they know what they're doing, or are they just playing into their hands?

## **#Laith**

I think they know exactly what they're doing. And they were brought by the American embassy into the positions of President and Prime Minister — President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam. And they are following a plan that was put there for them. Now, that doesn't mean this plan is going to work. They are vassals. They are going to try their best. But let's look at the options available for this Vichy regime, this collaborationist regime in Lebanon, to try to deliver on whatever objectives the Israelis have, which are to disarm or defeat Hezbollah, and if that doesn't work, cause a civil war, right?

So in both situations — the civil war option that the Americans and the Israelis are pushing, and/or the option for disarmament of Hezbollah — you need an opponent internally against Hezbollah that can deliver on those goals. So the plan to disarm Hezbollah would require the whole Lebanese military and security apparatus to confront Hezbollah. And as we can see just by the numbers of who's recruited in the armed forces of Lebanon, over 50 percent of the soldiers are Shia. And therefore, there would be an immediate mutiny within the military, and the military would collapse.

And this is the only institution within the state of Lebanon that actually matters. If the military collapses through a mutiny because of the government pushing them to confront Hezbollah, there will cease to be a Lebanese state. So this is why the commander-in-chief of the Lebanese army, General Rudolf Haykal, has been refusing to use the military to confront Hezbollah — not because he, let's say, is on Hezbollah's side or something like that. He's just trying to save the military from total collapse. The other option of a civil war would require a militia to face Hezbollah.

And when we look at the former militias that were in the country that fought on the side of the Zionists and the Americans during the occupation years of Lebanon, those militias, the Christian supremacist ones, are a shadow of what they used to be. The vast majority of Christian Lebanese have been living comfortably, dual citizens and so forth around the world, and they have stopped joining these militias, even if they belong to parties like the Kata'ib or the Lebanese Forces. So, you know, Geagea or Gemayel, the leaders of those parties, can barely put together a few hundred fighters to face Hezbollah. That's not an option. That would be like suicide for these Christian supremacist parties.

And the final option is the Wahhabi death squads, as happened in Syria. And Lebanon is not a fertile ground for recruiting Wahhabi death squads. And because everybody is watching what happened in Syria after the collapse of the Assad government, the majority of Sunnis in Lebanon, who belong to the Sufi sect — the mystic Sunni Islam — are looking at what happened to the Sufi mosques and the Sufi leaders in Syria. They do not want to have that same fate of slaughter. So there is nobody internally in Lebanon that can deliver on the objectives of the US and Israel, either that option of disarmament of Hezbollah or a civil war.

So I think this is why Hezbollah is not that worried about the internal issues of Lebanon currently. They don't have a competitor that can make trouble for them. And therefore, it would be a mistake for Hezbollah itself to, let's say, try to take out Joseph Aoun and Salim Salam, because they would be triggering something that cannot be triggered by anybody else. And this government is irrelevant. It cannot deliver, even if it signs a million papers, it cannot deliver on them. It is not in control of the country. And this is why Hezbollah is just concentrating right now on taking out the Israeli occupation in the country.

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I think one of the reasons that you mentioned before, that is considered by both Hezbollah and Iran right now, is that the ceasefire is totally against them because the United States and Israel couldn't achieve anything on the battlefield. That's why they went after a ceasefire. They were begging for a ceasefire after all, to be honest. So when you have a ceasefire there, we know that Iran would respect that, Hezbollah would respect that, but Israel is not going to respect that. If it's respecting that, then who... what would be the agenda? Little by little, as they define the yellow line in the southern part of Lebanon, they want to do the same as they did in Palestine, in Gaza, as they're doing there. And this is the fragility of these sorts of ceasefires. They're not helping the situation. They're totally against Hezbollah and Iran. And is that perceived by the leadership in Lebanon, the leadership of Hezbollah?

## **#Laith**

Yeah, I think if we see how Hezbollah has dealt with Israeli violations of the ceasefire now, in comparison to what happened during the first ceasefire for those 15 months, when the Zionists just

bombarded Lebanon and assassinated people day in, day out, killing on average two Lebanese people a day for 15 months, this time Hezbollah didn't wait. The minute that there were violations, it responded to them and is working under the presumption that it will also not abide by something that the Zionists are not abiding by. So there's a change in tactic, and I think those 15 months of quote-unquote ceasefire have strengthened Hezbollah's stance in Lebanon, because in those 15 months, it didn't respond. But there was still destruction, killing, occupation.

And the whole Lebanese people were getting pissed off. And some of them were questioning, is Hezbollah even able to defend the country? Well, right now, everybody can see that Hezbollah will defend the country, can defend the country, and can defeat the Israelis, and is not going to just take punches and have people, civilians, be killed with no response to the Zionists. And about the yellow line, the Zionist imagination sometimes is very detached from reality. And that is because they're supremacists. They think they can do anything and they can violate anything and nobody can stop them. But yesterday, I was behind that yellow line. Yesterday, we went and visited the village of Klaileh, which is just one village away from Naqoura, the most southern point on the coast of Lebanon.

There was a mass burial for martyrs, 17 martyrs, including paramedics that were killed during the latest confrontations. Thousands of people were in the village for the burial, and nothing happened to us. And this is true in multiple places that we visited over the last few days. And all of them are supposed to be behind this yellow line. So the Israelis can draw lines on the map. Can they actually implement that reality? No, they can't. They don't have the power to. And Hezbollah will not allow them to even stay safe in areas right on the border of occupied Palestine. And I think in the next few days, Hezbollah's operations in the south of Lebanon are going to accelerate. The more the Zionists blow up buildings in villages that they're occupying, the more Hezbollah will be attacking them.

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Laith, this footage is coming out of the southern part of Lebanon, mostly showing that some areas were destroyed, like Gaza, like what we've seen in Gaza and the West Bank. What are those areas, and who are those people? Where are the people that were living in those villages in that area?

## **#Laith**

Yeah, it's very sad. Obviously, you know, a lot of villages were already destroyed before, during the last period of occupation, during that ceasefire. And now we're seeing second-line villages, mostly around the Bint Jbeil area. That's the central area of South Lebanon and around the Naqoura area that are being completely blown up. And what's crazy about the area around Naqoura is that it is full of UNIFIL positions. There's at least four or five positions, and they're just sitting and watching the Israelis around them destroy every building around them. So in a way, though, the UNIFIL is like their, what do you call it, human shields for the Zionist crimes that are being committed.

And I think when we look at how the French president responded to the killing of one French soldier from UNIFIL at the hands of the Israelis and tried to blame it on Hezbollah, it shows you how UNIFIL is useless in this situation. And it's actually a liability for the resistance. Beyond the fact that it's spying on the resistance and so on, it's also that whenever its soldiers are harmed by the Zionists, their governments try to pretend it's Hezbollah's fault. You know, we also look at the way that the Israelis are destroying around the Bint Jbeil area. This is some of the most populated parts of the south of Lebanon.

Bint Jbeil is not a small town, and maybe the area around it, the villages around it and in Bint Jbeil, is like 200 and something thousand, the population. This is a big part of the population that is not going to be able to come back and find anything to live in. They're going to have to build from scratch. They're going to be displaced for a long time. And the way that the Zionists are getting away with this shows us how the West is, and their opinion and international law and human rights and all of that are just a waste of time to talk about. The only thing that will defend Lebanon is the resistance, the military resistance to these crimes.

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If you mentioned the war is coming, we know that the ceasefire is so fragile. Iran didn't agree with the ceasefire. Donald Trump yesterday announced the ceasefire unilaterally. It wasn't a joint statement by both sides. And as we are witnessing the situation in the Persian Gulf and in the Arabian Sea, today we've learned two tankers were seized by Iranian forces in response to what the Trump administration is doing. And these two tankers seem that they're related to Israel. Somehow they're linked to Israel. Do you think that if the war starts, it's going to be little by little, or it's going to be somehow new attacks, devastating attacks, massive attacks happening between the two sides? We know that Hezbollah, you mentioned, is ready. Iran is ready. The United States is ready. Israel said that they're ready for that. Yemen said this time around they're going to join and they're prepared for that. What is your understanding of that?

## **#Laith**

Yeah, look, when we analyze what just happened, we see that the U.S., as an empire, used all the power at its disposal to try to defeat Iran and the Axis of Resistance, and it failed. That's why now we know that Trump almost used a nuclear weapon, right? So the threat of the use of nuclear weapons is actually an admission that they cannot win a war in conventional warfare against the Axis of Resistance and against Iran. So any new round of this war will not achieve any new goals or objectives of the United States in its fight against the Axis of Resistance, except if they use the nuclear weapon—and they will not be using the nuclear weapon. What we see right now is the attempt of the United States to weaken the Axis of Resistance in ways that, if it withdraws from this battle, the Zionist colony can survive by itself.

Everything that they're doing right now is with that goal because their goals had to change—their strategic goal. They know they cannot achieve the defeat of Iran. They're not going to use a nuclear weapon because if they use a nuclear weapon, there will be billions of people on the march towards Europe, with their water and land being irradiated with nuclear fallout. And they will cease to be Europe. And this is not to talk about what other powers would have used nuclear weapons as a response. So I think we should all be very comfortable right now and not scared of the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons or attacks on nuclear sites in Iran. I don't think it will happen.

Therefore, the objective of the Axis of Resistance to counter now the new strategic objective of the United States, which is weakening the Axis of Resistance to the point where the Zionist colony can survive on its own for at least another few decades, is to come out from whatever next battle with the Zionist colony weakened to the point that it cannot survive on its own. And this is coming. This is, I think, what will happen in this next stage. Yemen will enter, and it will close Bab al-Mandeb, which will force the U.S. even further away from Western Asia in terms of their positions, their troops, and what have you.

If this next stage even lasts two weeks, the United States by that point and the whole NATO would have run out of munitions for their air defenses and munitions for their guided missile weapons. But today in American papers, they're talking about the U.S. admitting that it, you know, ran out of 50 percent at least of all the THAADs and the Patriot missiles, as well as their JDAMs. JDAMs, it's like something like three quarters of them were used, and their cruise missiles. So by the end of whatever next stage of this war, the United States will have no choice but to withdraw completely from the region. It will have to, you know, tuck its tail and try to rearm itself so it's not in a weaker position against China and Russia. And the Zionist colony will be left by itself.

So we have to make sure also that... I read something that Iran just did. Iran just issued a statement to the International Atomic Energy Agency asking that the Zionist colony's nuclear weapons and nuclear program be put under its authority. And that's very important because in a situation where the Zionist colony is cornered, and the West has abandoned it, the only thing that will be standing in the way of the liberation of Palestine will be those nuclear weapons. And in order to save humanity and save us from falling into a nuclear winter, these weapons have to be dismantled the same way the West dismantled apartheid South Africa's nuclear weapons and packed them and took them with them as the regime in South Africa was collapsing.

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The other point is Iraq, the situation in Iraq. We know that the new president, prime minister in Iraq, is going to be decided, is going to be elected. But Trump is doing everything to put pressure economically on Iraq. And they're not sending the dollars of their reserve. It's the Iraqi reserve in the United States. And the tragedy of what has happened, what has been happening to Iraq, is unbelievable. And many people don't understand what is going on in Iraq. But Iraq, I think Iraq is

going to, you know, get out of whatever is happening with this war. Iraq is going to be saved from what has been happening for such a long time. Because they're getting... they're getting to, they want to decide about the future of their country. Do you think that is what the majority of the people in Iraq want? Or are they seeking some sort of off-ramp to what has been happening economically, on their economy? How do you see the situation in Iraq?

## **#Laith**

Yeah, I mean, Iraq used to be the most industrialized Arab country before 1991. Everybody had free health care, free education, and so on. This is, of course, not to say that Saddam Hussein was a good guy, but we're talking about economically and industrially what the country was. And today it's a failed state. You know, there's no electricity in a country that has the second or third largest reserves of oil and gas in the world. So, yeah, I think right now, with the exit of American troops from Iraq, the Americans will have a hard time controlling the country and threatening its political class.

And it will not be attacking Iraq militarily if the new prime minister that's going to be chosen takes a more sovereignist position and, you know, makes the relationships with his neighbors normal. In fact, there is right now a possibility for Iraq to escape this racket of American control of its oil and gas sales by just saying, well, we can't pass our gas and oil through Hormuz without getting the approval of Iran, and that it has to be sold in yuan, in Chinese yuan. This is what Iran is saying. So this will give a chance for the Iraqi government to get its payments directly in yuan to its own national reserve instead of it being put in New York in dollars. And so they can blame that on Iran.

And once that happens, the hold of American money over the reserves of Iraq will end. And Iran can have a better relationship with its neighbor, Iraq. And Iraq can start rebuilding its electricity grid, its water grids that have been neglected for 30-somewhat years. And, you know, start trading naturally with Iran and its neighbors. And, you know, just because of the position of where Iraq is, it will rise economically very fast. It's just not been allowed to trade with its neighbors. It's not been allowed to use the resources that it has to build itself. A country like Iraq will rise very fast because of how educated the population is, how many skills the population has, and the resources they have if there is no American interference.

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Today, Donald Trump tweeted that Iran is collapsing financially. They want the Strait of Hormuz open immediately. And you know what is happening in the Persian Gulf? Basically, with the situation that we're in, it's amazing that you see the UAE is running out of cash. They're asking the United States to help them. And Donald Trump was considering a financial bailout for Iran. And they're trying to say totally the opposite. You know, what is happening to, for example, the UAE and GCC countries, they're trying to say it's happening in Iran. And that's the urgency on their part. That's the problem that Donald Trump is feeling. That's the problem, the pressure that is coming from outside

and putting a lot of pressure. We know that Donald Trump domestically is under tremendous pressure from all sides. But the problem with the economy of these GCC countries is a bigger problem, in my opinion. And how is that going to play out for him?

## **#Laith**

Can you imagine a country like the UAE that has a population of only one million citizens? Probably less, you know, probably half of them have been given citizenship in the last 20, 30 years. That had oil and gas discoveries for 80 years. And when it discovered oil and gas, it had a population of 80,000. That was the population of the UAE in the 1950s.

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Where did this money go?

## **#Laith**

How can a country like this be begging for money from the United States when just a few months ago it was gifting billions of dollars to Trump and his family? So clearly, people can see right now that this money was never in the hands of these vassals. These vassals were just given enough money from their own resources, the resources of their people, to keep them looking like they're party kings, okay? And to subdue that very small population of 1 million. But if Emiratis were getting a direct salary as a cut from their oil and gas revenues for the last 80 years, every Emirati would be a billionaire. You know, that list of billionaires, the top richest people in the world, would probably be every citizen in Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, the Emirates, and Saudi. But none of them are.

Why? Because that money is not allowed for them. So now, when the Emiratis are asking the U.S. for financial aid, what they're asking is, please, master, can you give us back some of our money that you've been stealing for the last 100 years? This is how crazy it is. So anybody who didn't understand before that these vassals in the Gulf didn't really control their money and didn't have access to it, now this is 100% proof to you, all of us, that this money has been looted by the Zionists and the imperialists for the last 80 years. And these vassals have no control of the vast majority of that money, except enough for them to have prostitution and pedophilia and drugs and parties in the middle of the desert, as MBS has been spending his money on.

So yeah, like this, the other thing that is important about what's happening right now is not only the collapse of American power from the region, it is the return to the natural order of geography. The Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and even the Saudi kingdom are not cultural or economic or population hubs naturally. For thousands of years, people would leave those places and go to the greater Syria region or Yemen or the Hejaz to live. There's no weather to live in here. And the

cultural hubs of the Arabic peoples were Damascus, Baghdad, Cairo, Sana'a. And so the attempt here was not only to manufacture states that are unsustainable, given the geography, but also to manufacture and fabricate new cultural hubs for the Arabic people.

We're supposed to think that the Emirates and Qatar are the cutting edge of Arabic thought and Arabic culture. What do we have coming out from there? Nothing, because nature tells us it's not gonna happen from here. It's unnatural to have this population in this location. And the collapse of these glass towers and these glass economies will return the natural order in the Arabic world to its origin. And we will see a rise again of the original capitals of economy, population, and culture, like Sana'a. As we are seeing right now, the rise of Yemen started with their own defense of their land against the West. But now we're seeing it happen even more rapidly with the collapse of these fabricated capitals of Arabic culture.

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I think this time around, if the war starts again, we're going to see, as we've learned from Yemen, they're going to join. We're going to see the Bab al-Mandab come into the equation. But how do you expect GCC countries—how are they prepared to join? Because they were part of the war. When the war started, they said, we're not going to be part of this. We know during the war that the United States was vastly using their territory to attack Iran. Everything. Behind the scenes, they did everything. You remember those refueling tankers being hit by Iran on Saudi territory. But I don't know so far, what is the learning curve on their part? Is there any sort of learning curve, or is there any sort of re-evaluating, reassessment on their part?

## **#Laith**

You know, look, all of these, um, vassal regimes were appointed by European colonialism in the late 1800s and during World War I. And the behavior of these vassals is not governed by ethics or even self-survival. It is governed by this vassalhood relationship. And we can go as far back as the late 1930s, when King Abdulaziz bin Saud, the founder of the Saud's latest kingdom, was communicating with Ben-Gurion before the founding of the Jewish colony in 1948. And in those communications, Ben-Gurion is pissed at Abdulaziz bin Saud, telling him, why are you making all these speeches against Zionism and in support of the Palestinians? And I think Abdulaziz responds to him, don't care about what I say, look at my actions.

And his actions under the table were, you know, in 1936, there was the Arab revolt across the whole Greater Syria region that included the Palestinian revolt against French and British occupation. And there were a lot of what we would call Saudis or Arab people from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that came to Palestine to help the Palestinians in their liberation. And the Saud family killed all of them when they returned. Okay. Okay. They were sending their names to the Israelis to try to kill them

also on the land of Palestine. So it's impossible to change this reality because the existence of these monarchies is dependent on the direct military support of the empire and the Zionist lackeys here in the region.

And the minute there is no support for them, the whole people of the region, of their own countries, will rebel against them and take them down. And that's what happened in the 1970s, and the British had to intervene, for instance, directly to save the Bahraini royal family. It happened in 1979 inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. There was a huge revolt where the people took over Mecca and the Kaaba. Women and children were, you know, protesting inside the Kaaba and inside the, you know, Holy Mosque in Mecca. And the Saud family sent in British and French paratroopers that landed on top of the Kaaba and massacred thousands of women and children inside the Holy Mosque. Okay. So, I would say, you know, the best way to think about these vassals is, in a way, to quote Malcolm X, okay?

The house slave, when the field slaves rebel, okay, and we are all here in the Arab world, you know, field slaves momentarily, and alhamdulillah, Iran and the Iranian people didn't fall, so they're not, you know, field slaves, right? But when the field slaves revolt, the house slave stays in the house to defend it with the master. And when the field slaves light the house on fire and the master escapes from the back door, the house slave stays in the house as it's burning. This is a fact. So what we will see is that these vassal regimes in the Arab world will stay loyal to the Zionists and the imperialists until the sword cuts their head. They will stay loyal to their master even if the whole palaces are burning on top of them. Okay? So it's not an issue of logic or even self-survival. It's an issue of total slavery mentally to the master.

## **#Nima**

The news just came out that Hezbollah launched attack drones and rockets at Israeli positions in the southern part of Lebanon. And in a statement that just moments ago came out as we were talking, in defense of Lebanon, here is what Hezbollah said: in defense of Lebanon and in retaliation for Israeli ceasefire violations, we targeted the newly established Israeli artillery positions in Al-Bayadah with a dive bomb strike, causing a confirmed impact. A fire was burning in the fire control room.

## **#Laith**

Yeah, it seems that they hit the target. They did hit the target.

## **#Nima**

And this is the type of fight that is going on. Go ahead.

## **#Laith**

Yeah, Al-Bayadah is right on the coast of Lebanon, just north of Naqoura, just a few kilometers north of Naqoura city. It's the last populated part of the coast of Lebanon. So that shows you how fragile the Israeli occupation in the south of Lebanon currently is. And Al-Bayadah was, you know, a kilometer away from where I was yesterday at that funeral in Alayli that I was talking about. And we've seen videos throughout the battle before the quote-unquote ceasefire of columns in Al-Bayadah, Israeli military columns, getting hammered. They lost tens of tanks in just that triangle between Al-Naqoura and Al-Bayadah and Shamam. So there is no place that is safe for the Zionists in Lebanon. And now that they are trying to create permanent positions for themselves inside South Lebanon, they're even easier targets for Hezbollah.

And the more they destroy the villages that they're occupying, the more exposed they actually are, right? If there are no buildings for the tanks to hide behind, you can just fire on them directly. You don't have to use curved-launching weapons anymore. You can just, with eyesight, hit them. And this is where the genocidal, ethnic-cleansing urges that the Zionists have sometimes play against them. They cannot recognize—they are blinded by their vengeance and hate—that they would go and level all the villages on the front line and stand on them, becoming like sitting ducks. Hezbollah can just bombard those areas right now and do a scorched-earth policy since the Israelis destroyed them and there are no civilians there. And that is what's going to happen. And the losses of the Zionists are going to increase rapidly if we return to full-scale battle here in Lebanon.

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Apple removed the names of those villages in the southern part of Lebanon as though the people who were living there would forget the names of those areas. You know, it's so, so stupid somehow when you think of it, as if they can, in their mind, they feel that they can, you know, just remove the southern part of Lebanon. Maybe Israel is preparing new names for those areas. And how do you see that, Laith, when you see the people who were removed from their villages, from their areas, from their regions, and right now you see Apple is doing that to the people?

## **#Laith**

You know, it all started when Jewish Europeans were able to get away with calling themselves Semites and calling criticism of Judaism anti-Semitism, when the indigenous people of the land are the true Semites. And hate against Arabic peoples, Assyrians, and so forth, who are Semites, is actually anti-Semitism. And once you get to this point where a European white person can call himself a Semite, you get to this point of a man being able to call himself a woman. And everybody's like, how is this happening? Well, you accepted a white man calling himself a Semite. Okay, well, anything can be anything — myself an alien or whatever it is.

I'm Chinese, okay? This is it. This is how ridiculous the situation is. And once they get away with this, and once you have all the institutions in the West repeating this ridiculous insanity, you get to this point where Apple has the audacity to erase these maps. I don't think this has ever happened

before, okay? That whole parts of the world are erased from official mapping. And that shows you how also integrated Zionists are in the official structures and economic structures and technology structures of the empire. Apple, if it was just an American company, wouldn't prioritize doing something like this. Why do it the next day?

It means somebody high up in Apple had the drive to erase the existence of Lebanese villages off its maps and has ordered the workers in Apple to do such a thing and prepare for it and do it. So this is how involved the Zionists are. And one thing that is very important to note here is that these villages in South Lebanon have been erased before — in the 1940s, in the 1960s, in the 1970s. And they've been erased before by the Crusaders, completely erased by the Crusaders. The Crusaders were as ruthless as these Crusaders. And before them, the Romans. And before them, in between all of that, the Mongols. And we rebuilt our villages and retained the names of these villages.

These same villages have had the same name for the last 6,000 years, in different accents of Semitic, proto-Semitic languages. And we don't forget those shrines that the Zionists are destroying — of the wise men and women and prophets — that have also been destroyed a thousand times before. And we rebuilt them, and we retained that memory. So it is a desperate move to see Apple intervening like this on behalf of the Zionists. This shows you how actually unsure they are of their ability to achieve that erasure — a complete erasure — that they need a giant company like Apple to play interference on their side, just for this psychological warfare moment, to make us all feel that it's going to be a fact.

Well, how is it a fact that Apple would erase all these villages that have not been occupied yet or destroyed? I mean... even that yellow line that we're talking about, I told you, I was in one of these villages. There are very few villages, just maybe the first-line, second-line villages, some of them that are occupied by the Israelis. So why would you erase something as far away as north of the Litani when it wasn't touched by the Israelis and the people are still there? This is how desperate they are to bring their delusions into fact and to play psychological warfare with all of us.

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Here is the latest: the IRGC Navy targeted a third vessel, Euphoria. It's named Euphoria, forcing it to abandon its journey in Khor Fakkan in the UAE. So right now the worry is that if the vessels cannot come in and out, nobody is going to receive any sort of vessel. And we know they're not going to survive this. I think this is the new game that the Iranians are trying to show to the Trump administration — how long does it take to bring the GCC countries to their knees? I think that's the game that's happening.

## **#Laith**

Yeah, I think up until now, Iran has been very gracious and very humanist in its targeting of these GCC vassals. Iran could have destroyed their water sources, could have cut them off from the world,

but the Axis of Resistance as a whole is following the teachings of Islam and is trying to show the world that there's another way, that it's not this vicious. Even when we are being massacred and genocided, we will not be our enemy. And God bless those who are fighting on the front lines and doing that under these conditions, right? And so I think the next phase of this war, if it is triggered — and it will be triggered, it seems like — Yemen coming into the battle will change everything. And the Bab al-Mandab being closed means close to 30% of all trade in the world will be stopped. We'll see immediate and fast results of that on the food tables in Europe.

And if the United States decides to start attacking trade that's going as it's doing right now, I think it will bring China into the battle. Also, China will not allow its own shipping to be targeted by the United States. Up until now, it didn't happen. But if China feels threatened, it will also intervene. There are already Chinese ships in the Arabian Sea. We'll see how that plays out. And, you know, it's very funny that Iran targeted this ship called Euphoria. Maybe some of the viewers will know there's an Israeli TV show called Euphoria that runs on Netflix, and it promotes pedophilia, and it's made by the same Mossad agents that did that Fauda show that denigrates Palestinian resistance and glorifies Israeli Mossad agents and security forces. So it's apt that Iran attacks not only an Israeli ship, but an Israeli ship that's called Euphoria.

## **#Nima**

Yeah. Before wrapping up, Laith, we had something bombastic in recent days about what has happened in the southern part of Lebanon in terms of Israeli soldiers destroying the statue of Jesus. And as though, you know, what is the... what was, you know, the situation in southern Lebanon, and where was that, the location of that? And is that something new for you, that you understand what is going on with the objectives of the Israeli IDF forces? But when we see that somehow exploding in the mainstream media as though it's the first time that's happening, your understanding of that?

## **#Laith**

Well, that picture was taken in the village of Debel. Debel is just outside Bint Jbeil in the central zone of the border. Debel is one of three Christian villages just south of Bint Jbeil where there was no Hezbollah resistance. And there were Lebanese military forces there. The president and the prime minister during the 45-day war withdrew the Lebanese army from there and abandoned the Christian population in those three villages. The Israeli military just rolled through them to reach the gates of Bint Jbeil. So basically, the prime minister and president betrayed the people of those villages and betrayed Bint Jbeil to help the Israelis achieve some symbolic win by trying to occupy Bint Jbeil, which they couldn't.

So this is all on the conscience of the president of Lebanon, who calls himself a Christian. That destruction of the statue by the Israeli soldier is his responsibility. And this is not new, of course. Even before they occupied these villages, the Israelis bombed the church in Ein Ebel, another village

