

Laith Marouf: Israel's Buffer Zone COLLAPSES as Hezbollah Launches Assaults

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Hi everybody, today is Wednesday, May 13th, 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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And let me start with the latest news that Israeli fighter jets are bombing Kfar Ramon. When it comes to these sorts of bombings using fighter jets, what do we know about the latest news, the latest events? Are they somehow related to these kinds of bombings, and are the Israelis forcing people to get out of their homes, their cities in the southern part of Lebanon?

#Laith

Yes, so obviously if the viewers have been watching all those videos of the FPV drones that Hezbollah is using, it's very clear that the Zionists are suffering huge losses and casualties among their soldiers. According to their own admittance last week, Israelis claimed 1,500 soldiers were either injured or killed at the front. And in the past 24 to 48 hours alone, the Zionist media had already reported close to 200 Israeli soldiers dead or injured. When we look historically at the numbers put forward by Israelis, we always have to multiply by 10 to get to the real numbers. So these are huge, huge losses. Yesterday, there were attacks on Israeli bases inside occupied Palestine using those FPVs.

So we're talking about kilometers inside Palestine, a coordinated raid with tens of these FPVs fired at the same time at one base inside. And there's confirmed visuals of at least two of these FPVs hitting their targets. So we're seeing the Israelis becoming sitting ducks both inside occupied parts of southern Lebanon and inside Palestine. And the only response that the Zionists have to their losses

on the battlefield is to target civilians all around the country here in Lebanon. Since the morning, there have been drones flying over us here in Beirut nonstop, the buzzing. And as you mentioned, there are fighter jet attacks on villages that are far away from the front lines.

There were attacks on cars on the main highway between Beirut and the south, around the Jiyeh area, which is just maybe 15 kilometers south of Beirut. There were attacks on two civilian cars, one of them carrying two elderly men who bring daily bread and supplies to some of the villages in the south of Lebanon to help the residents that are remaining. So clearly these two elderly men were tracked through their distribution of bread and supplies for civilians in the south of Lebanon and were targeted for that. There was another car that had a man and his young daughter in it, also again targeted for no reason. There was another attack a few minutes ago, actually, in Saida.

Saida is the second largest city in Lebanon, and it is in the south. It's a mainly Sunni and Christian city. But there's been a lot of, you know, internally displaced people from the south of Lebanon that moved to Saida. The attack came on a car just outside the city stadium. So it's basically targeting, you know, threatening civilian citizens, you know, infrastructure, and you know, a lot of kids and amateur sports are played in this stadium. So this is all, um, the only thing that the Israelis can respond with toward their losses on the battlefield. One last thing I want to mention, because I kind of forgot this, there was an advancing column of Israeli armored vehicles that was trying to reach Deir Serian and was ambushed in a valley near the river there.

This is not the Litani. This is a small river in the area there. And, you know, they were in this battle for hours. Most of their column got destroyed, and the soldiers trying to flee were targeted. So their losses are huge in the last 48 hours. It is expected that the increase of these attacks by the Israelis since the morning coincides with the beginning of the arrival of the Lebanese delegation for negotiations with the Zionists in Washington, D.C. So this is also part of that tactic of pressure on the Lebanese government.

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Laith, when we talk about Israeli forces, they're basically using these sort of fighter jets to protect their forces on the ground? Because somehow, when you look at the southern part of Lebanon, it's too difficult for them to advance. It's not going to be easy for them. It doesn't matter how much they're forcing the people out of their cities. We can have the fighters—Hezbollah can, you know, have the fighters there to go against them. And with the use of the FPV drones, I think we've seen something different. At least what I've seen in the last two days, how Hezbollah has been able to hit Iron Dome batteries. So this is something new. I don't know if it happened before. What is your understanding of that, the capabilities that Hezbollah is showing to all of us?

#Laith

Yeah, I mean, everybody watching these videos is amazed. And I'm talking about the military experts that have seen the use of FPVs before on the battlefield in Ukraine. And I think a lot of people are kind of forgetting the fact that it was actually Hezbollah that invented this method of using weapons on the battlefield in Syria. So during the 15-year war in Syria, Hezbollah began developing this method specifically to assassinate leaders of ISIS and Al-Qaeda on the battlefield. And, you know, then after that, of course, we saw it being adopted in Ukraine. So now we're seeing how the inventors of this method have developed it over the last 15 years.

And the fact that they can go for tens of kilometers with these fiber optic cables and reach inside occupied Palestine, hit the Miron base—this is, like, very far—and hit those batteries of the Iron Dome that you were talking about, that video was... They showed how not only did they target this Iron Dome battery, but they used that attack to drag out Israeli soldiers from their hiding place to come and replace it, and then hit them with a second one as they were trying to fix the battery of the anti-air missile. Much innovation. We saw also from those videos how Hezbollah is using different shells on these FPVs depending on what the target is.

So we saw armor-piercing shells on these FPVs hitting the, you know, tanks and, you know, the, what do you call them, the Merkavas. But we also saw the use of incendiary explosive devices when they are targeting the APCs and soldier machines that transport soldiers in them. And that means that everybody inside that machine is burned alive. And we also saw the use of shrapnel shells when targeting big gatherings in order to maximize the death and injury of soldiers and the machinery that is around in one place. So the Israelis have also been attempting over the last two months to find solutions, and none of their solutions have worked.

There's nothing that we saw the Ukrainians and the Russians use that the Israelis didn't use. And it's also failing. So that means that the innovations of Hezbollah and the way they are using these FPVs have found solutions for all the problems or all the ways that the Ukrainian or the Russian military over the last few years have been trying to defend against the use of FPVs. So that, again, once more, shows us how advanced these FPV units are, and to have them coordinate 30, 40 of these FPVs at the same time to target in a mass attack on a base—that is very, very advanced coordination and very advanced, you know, quality of training for those who are using these FPVs.

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You know, we had a report in the Jerusalem Post. It says the growing threat of Hezbollah's fiber-optic FPV drones, difficult to jam and hard to detect, is pushing Israel to consider cooperation with Ukraine. This is the new... I don't know how Ukraine can help them with the situation they're in right now, but how... Israel was supposed to be the most powerful military force in the region, but they're asking, they're somehow trying to beg Ukrainians to help them. What is that?

#Laith

Yeah, I mean, this is where the issue of Ukraine and Russia using the FPVs in an extensive way maybe brings the Ukrainian skills to the Israelis. But look, let's really remember that there is no such thing as Ukraine also, as there is no such thing as Israel. Ukraine is just a part of the imperial order. And in fact, it's run by a Jewish supremacist Zionist who's called the president, Zelensky, who wants to have an Israel on the Black Sea. That's what he said. So everything that Ukraine is doing, in fact, is run by the Israelis. So this is just propaganda to say we're trying to do something. But what can Ukraine offer if it's already trained by the Israelis, if the Israelis are on the ground, if the Israelis are the ones that are managing the battle anyways, and the whole propaganda machine even of Ukraine itself, with the neo-Nazis being coddled and trained and all their media being built by the Israelis.

This is just propaganda. Ukraine can't give anything new to Israel. It can send more people that can operate, let's say, the FPVs. Most probably those people are dual citizens of Ukraine and Israel that are just going to be pulled away from the front line. So the only thing that I can evaluate from this statement is that basically Ukraine is going to sacrifice itself, or Zelensky is going to sacrifice the most important, let's say, FPV trainers or users that he has on the battlefield, or the defensive teams of those, you know, the countermeasures for the use of FPVs, and send them to Israel. And therefore, he is going to lose on the battlefield in Ukraine. So that shows you how actually integrated these colonial entities are, these imperialist battlefields, and who runs them and how they are run politically.

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How are these attacks on Lebanon somehow influencing the support for Hezbollah and the support for the government in Lebanon?

#Laith

You know, the videos that Hezbollah is releasing—let's just forget for a minute the actual reality on the ground, which is that Hezbollah is decimating the advancing Israeli forces. Let's forget that for a second. You know, the videos that Hezbollah is releasing, I think, are the best possible propaganda that you can have. Those images of the Israeli soldiers jumping off a tank as an FPV is going right behind, in his behind—okay—those are burnt into the consciousness now of everybody. And Israel has lost every war it has fought since 1973. In 1982, they had to be pushed out of Beirut. In 2006, they were defeated. In Gaza, they've been defeated. They haven't been able to eliminate the Palestinian resistance.

But what they've been trying to do, what Netanyahu has been trying to do since October 7th, is, although he knows everybody understands that Israel cannot win anymore, what he's been trying to do is burn it into the consciousness of the Palestinians, the Arab peoples, and the Muslim peoples, that Israel is crazy. And it can kill everybody, every civilian it wants, as a response to its failures on the battlefield. So that's the main thing that Israel has been trying to do over the last two and a half years—burn it into all our minds that Israel is crazy and can kill at will, even if it cannot win a battle.

And that, look what will happen: yes, Hamas will survive, but we will destroy all of Gaza. Yes, Hezbollah can survive and can win against us, but we will destroy all of Lebanon.

Yes, Iran can defeat us militarily and defeat the United States, but we will destroy its infrastructure. So this is the only thing that Israel has been trying to do over the last two and a half years. And videos like the ones that Hezbollah is releasing destroy that. It makes people see how weak a Zionist colony is, how insignificant its military force is other than their air force. So anyone that was scared two and a half months ago when this battle restarted is now, you know, watching these amazing achievements of Hezbollah and is more ready to sustain themselves and their family in waiting for the victory that is on the horizon. So I think Hezbollah is in a much, much, much stronger position right now in terms of public support than it was even before.

And before even this war started, it had the vast majority of Shia, Sunni, Druze, and a total majority of the Christian population behind it. So you can imagine now where the population stands. And I think the Lebanese government has no ability to sign on any agreements that Hezbollah doesn't actually approve. So I think what will happen over the next few days or so with these negotiations is that actually the Israelis will not give anything to the Lebanese government because they know the Lebanese government cannot do anything and cannot deliver on surrender, for instance. Therefore, Israel is going to continue, and it will be the one that's going to frustrate the negotiations with these house slaves, the president and the prime minister of the country here in Lebanon.

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How do they picture the policy, the objectives? I'm talking about the Lebanese government that is in the process of talking with Washington, with the Israelis. How do they picture their objectives in these sorts of talks? And how do they explain that to the Lebanese people?

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Yeah, I mean, they are constantly repeating in the imperialist Zionist media here in Lebanon the talk about the Lebanese government being the sole one authorized to initiate military operations, use of force, and having to monopolize weapons in the country, and trying to blame Hezbollah for dragging Lebanon into a war that it didn't want, or that this war was to defend Iran, not to defend Lebanon, as if there were no lands that are occupied in Lebanon, and so on. So these are the main repetitive lines that we hear. But look, the war against Iran actually had some secondary effects that nobody noticed.

One of them is that because Iran destroyed the oil export possibilities of much of the Gulf or Arabian Peninsula vassal monarchs, that meant that the Emirates, Qatar, Saudis, they have very little money that they can spread around to poison the media space in other countries. They're like, there's no exports, so they have their money and they're worried about the next month's budget. And they are limiting the money that they throw, for instance, in Lebanon here. So the main propaganda machine

that is Zionist and imperialist in Lebanon is MTV. This is a pro-Christian supremacist, pro-Zionist TV station that supports the Phalange.

And it's the most ruthless, most disgusting in the way that it propagates against resistance and Palestinian liberation and what have you. Well, just this week, it had to lay off one third of its employees. They had spent billions, somehow got billions of dollars over the last two years, and were trying to build all these big studios and buy all these new radio stations and so forth. Well, that all is in the garbage right now. They fired one third of their employees. And this is happening in almost all of the imperialist-supported, Gulf money-supported media in Lebanon. Most of them are firing at least a third to a half of their staff. They're unable to continue producing this shitty propaganda on behalf of the Gulf.

And so this is one of the side effects. You can tell that even the power of these arguments that the Lebanese government, prime minister, and president want to spit out in the media space in Lebanon is weakening. And, you know, it's really hard to get people to disbelieve their own eyes and disbelieve their own ears and disbelieve their own experience of what they see happening in Lebanon or in a battlefield like this. Or even, for instance, the people around the world watching a genocide happening for two and a half years. No matter what, the Zionists are throwing billions of dollars to try to convince people, no, there is no genocide and Israel is great. It's impossible to win that battle.

Similarly, this is what's happening with the battle here in Lebanon. Even if you want to spit out sectarian, racist commentary on the airwaves, you have to spend billions of dollars to get people here on the streets of Lebanon to disbelieve how their own house was targeted for no reason, okay? Whether they're Christian or Sunni or Druze, even if you want to talk about the Shia, you know, being outside of this Lebanese experience. So the government is unable to convince people. The vast majority of Lebanese, and this is not only because of the amazing successes of the resistance, but also because of how disgustingly ruthless the Zionists and the imperialists have been, it's impossible to cover up for the crimes of empire and Zionism.

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Do they communicate with the government? Communicate with Hezbollah, the head of Hezbollah, and the people in Hezbollah in order to somehow find a better sort of proposal in these talks? Is there any communication between the two parties? Because after all, you cannot ignore Hezbollah militarily or politically, because they're part of society. As you've mentioned, many people, not only Shia Muslims, but also Sunni, Druze, and Christians, support Hezbollah and the way they're fighting against Israel. And is that considered in these talks with the government officials?

#Laith

Well, the cabinet of the prime minister has, you know, multiple Shia ministers because of the sectarian setup of the country. He has no choice but to have Shia representatives, ministers, and they are appointed by the bloc of the resistance or the Shia bloc, but they are usually close to Amal and not associated with Hezbollah. But having said this, for people to understand, because of the sectarian constitution and the Ta'if Agreement at the end of the civil war, the prime minister has no choice but to call in a cabinet meeting and have consensus between all the representatives of the various sects that are ministers in this cabinet before he can sign any agreements or go into negotiations.

So what Nawaf Salam has been doing is he's been refusing to have a cabinet meeting while he was pushing for these meetings for negotiations in Washington with the enemy. And therefore, everything he's doing actually is unconstitutional, right? And he's avoiding having the cabinet meeting because even if one minister says no, he cannot do it. Okay, this is how consensus works. So right now, we are in a situation where the president and the prime minister have breached the constitution and are working separately. The parliament is led by Nabih Berri, the head of the Amal Party, the second largest Shia party in the country. And, you know, even there, there has to be a consensus between the three presidencies: the president, the prime minister, and the speaker of the house, basically the president of the parliament.

And again, they're not happening. There is a public feud basically right now between Nabih Berri and the president and the prime minister. And I think this is why there's not going to be anything signed in Washington, D.C. And in the imaginary, unlikely situation that Nawaf Salam or Aoun, Joseph Aoun, sign on to some peace agreement with the Zionists, it will be the end of their reign, period. There will be no more president or prime minister in the country. They probably wouldn't be able to come back to the country. I'm not kidding. So this is why I think it's not going to happen. And what we will see is that the Israelis will collapse these negotiations because they know whoever is sitting on the other side of the table cannot guarantee anything they sign on.

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We know the main objective of Israel in Lebanon, firstly, is to disarm Hezbollah. And this is not something new. We've seen that before in Gaza, in the West Bank, basically in Gaza. And with the case of Yemen, Donald Trump tried to force them to disarm. And how do you see the acts of resistance, Laith, so far? Israel was not successful in its attempts to disarm Hamas. And right now they're talking about disarming Hezbollah. And the government—I don't know, the government—nobody would want to buy this sort of rhetoric on the part of Israel, that they're going to be able to, because everybody saw what has happened in Gaza. And after destroying everything and killing many people in Gaza, they couldn't disarm Hamas. And right now they're talking about Hezbollah. That could be some sort of key that they want to destroy. They want to do the same in the southern part of Lebanon as they did in Gaza, in the West Bank. And what is your understanding of the acts of resistance today?

#Laith

Look, the Israelis can destroy Hamas. But, you know, much of the south of Lebanon was destroyed multiple times — in 1948, in 1978, in 1982. And much of it was whole villages that were destroyed and rebuilt every time.

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And this is something that has been happening for close to 4,000 years, since the beginnings of the invasions of the Greeks and the Romans into the Eastern Mediterranean. And these villages still have the same names from 4,000 years ago that haven't changed and have been repopulated over and over again. And that shows you, you know, the power of geography, number one, and how culture and civilizations work. You can't erase a civilization easily. Anyways, these villages will be rebuilt. Also, those villages and towns in Gaza will be rebuilt. You know, again, Napoleon went through and destroyed everything in Gaza when he went through it in the 1800s.

So it's not something new, and it doesn't mean the end, and it's not a way to succeed militarily. What we see in Lebanon and in Gaza is that the Israelis are unable to defeat the resistance. That means 100 years onward from the beginning of this colonial project, it is still in limbo, and it can collapse at any moment. And that's what's important. And I think what we saw with the war on Iran has changed everything. I think we're even closer than ever to the liberation of Palestine, not only the liberation of South Lebanon. And this is true because right now the whole Western empire has used half, at least, of its munitions on this war in the last 40-some days. It wasn't that long of a war.

Can you imagine if the United States ran out of munitions in the first 40 days in Vietnam? Okay, so it's at this moment there is no way, even if the West decides that it's going to stop all its wars and give Israel all its weapons, okay, to fight against the axis of resistance, they cannot last with all of those weapons for another 40 days. Okay, so we are getting closer and closer to the end of the Zionist colony. And I don't know if every capital in the West will risk its existence and its military defense of its territory just to maintain this Zionist colony. And the beginnings of the collapse of the internal cohesion of the empire are already very visible, with much of the petrodollar collapsing, all these Gulf monarchies at the edge.

And this is the, you know, the crown jewel of imperial holdings, the empire. You know, Arabian Peninsula monarchies and the Zionist colony together are the crown jewel, having control for the last 80 years of all the trade routes and the oil and gas exports, and the dollar is now all gone. So we're beginning to see the end. It was foretold on October 7th, and I think much of our martyrs, like Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah, Sinwar, and Ayatollah Khamenei, all of them could see the end coming. They didn't know if they were going to live to see it, but it was also very clear to them as wise analysts of the reality that we live in.

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There are two reports, one in the Wall Street Journal, the other one in Reuters. Both of them are talking about how the UAE and Saudi Arabia were able to use their air force to hit some targets in Iran. There are two dimensions when you think of it. One is that we know they were cooperating and helping the United States and Israel in their attacks on Iran. Are they really, you know, it seems to me that they're making this sort of rhetoric for these countries to cover up, you know, because it wasn't possible for them to cooperate and participate with their fighter jets because the United States doesn't accept it.

They have some sort of doctrine, some sort of cooperation between Americans and Israelis. If something new comes in—Saudi fighter jets or UAE fighter jets come in—the cooperation would be too difficult to do that. But they're making these cases just to cover the humiliation of, for example, the UAE in the war. Is that the case, or did they literally do something, or help, or hit some sort of targets? What is your understanding? What do you make of it?

#Laith

Look, if you were watching Al Jazeera and other Arabic news stations over the last few months, you would notice that they had a concerted effort trying to convince the Arabic audience that Iran deliberately targeted Arab countries because it's anti-Arab, and that these Arab countries were not involved in the attack on Iran. But the truth of the matter is that the population, even of those countries, watched their territory being used to attack Iran by the United States, and they watched their own military being used in this attack. But I want to say one thing here for everybody to understand.

All the militaries of these countries, like Jordan, the UAE, Saudi, whatever it is, Bahrain—all of them have British and American generals and officers sitting in their main command headquarters. In fact, you know, for instance, in Jordan, there's always been a British general sitting beside the commander-in-chief since, you know, World War I. Okay. And then one of those generals after World War I fucked the king's wife. And I'm, you know, it's a very famous story here. I'm sorry, I used the F word. I didn't want to use it; I should have used something else. But the point is, the security guards, the main security around the royal families, are all British and American, and most probably in the UAE, also Israeli.

So how much real control do these countries have over their own militaries? Zero. It is these American, British, and Israeli officers that control them. Similarly, in terms of how many pilots does the UAE have that can fly those jets, or the Saudis? There are few. When we look at the record, both the Saudis and the UAE have been renting pilots from foreign powers—French, British, German, American—either current pilots or retired pilots that are flying these jets for them. Did the UAE, Saudi, and Kuwait attack Iran? Most probably, yes. Both their missiles and their jets and their artillery, for instance, in the situation of Kuwait, yes, fired on Iran.

Did these countries make that decision? Were they the ones actually in the jet pushing the button? No. So what we have to understand is that really all of these military forces are part and parcel of the American military. And now, talking about these countries attacking Iran is really just directed to the local public to tell them, well, we have some force to fight back against Iran. We weren't slapped silly in front of you. We are a tough country. They're trying to talk to their own citizens when they are announcing these things. It doesn't change anything on the battlefield because, in the end, this is all American power.

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I think the reality of the Strait of Hormuz is changing the region. And do you see these countries changing their rhetoric toward Iran or toward the Axis of Resistance? I think basically the Axis of Resistance is more important because it's all about going—not just Iran, but Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon—all together. And how do you see this changing? You know, the new reality—they know that the United States is not going to be able to open up the Strait of Hormuz. They have to come to some sort of understanding with Iran. And how is that going to change or somehow influence their policies toward the Axis of Resistance in the long run, in your opinion?

#Laith

You know, I was watching all this Saudi and Qatari and other media over the last 48 hours, especially after the response of Iran to Trump's proposals, where it said basically there will be no ceasefire as long as there's war in Lebanon. And it was telling what kind of propaganda cues they were trying to send to the Arab public. And practically all of them are admitting that Iran defeated the United States. But their problem right now is that Iran is not humble enough in its defeat of the United States. They're like, Iran wants to humiliate the U.S., and wants to humiliate us as countries, and right now wants to belittle us as countries, and is talking down to us. This is now their problem with Iran.

Their problem now with Iran is not that it has proxies, or that it's lying and it's weak, or that it's trying to control them, or whatever it is—all the propaganda that was there before. Now the propaganda that they've been churning over the last 48 hours is that Iran is not humble enough with its win, and its attempt to humiliate Trump and the United States and humiliate us as Arab countries is going to backfire on it. This is why we're not going to have peace—because Iran is not humble with its victories. So it's really weird to see them trying to find any way to convince their own public that this victory for Iran is actually bad for everybody, and bad for Iran itself. So it needs to be taught a lesson. Iran needs to be, right now, punished by Israel and the United States so it can learn to be humble.

This is the language that they're using. And I'm quoting literally, you know, what they're saying. So if there is any change, it's that they're trying to take the victory of Iran that everybody in the world

knows is a victory, including their own public in these, you know, Arabian Peninsula monarchies, and trying to make it into a bad thing for Iran and for all of us if Iran is not attacked now again. And this is why I think the UAE, the Saudis, all of these monarchs, these vassals, and Jordan and so on are probably begging Trump to restart this war. They'll try to do anything to make sure that the United States doesn't back down. And maybe we will see them, if the United States is refusing to do it, we will see the Emiratis and others starting to spend more money on Israel to get it to attack Iran or Lebanon again.

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Yeah, I think from the latest proposal, the Iranian response to Donald Trump shows how important the acts of resistance are. They're basically talking about the first point being to end the war on all fronts, including Lebanon and Gaza. And this is the reality. And these countries in the Persian Gulf, the GCC countries, I don't know how long it will take for them to understand the new reality of the region. But after all, this is the reality for the future of the region. If they want a prosperous, peaceful region, they're not going to be able to build anything without Gaza, without Palestine, without Lebanon. And I think this is the whole sort of agenda behind the communication of the Iranians with the Trump administration. And I don't see that happening in the minds of these Arab states. They don't get it. This is the problem.

#Laith

Yeah, it's been almost 100 years that these vassals have survived under the same formula of trying to undermine every liberationist movement in the region, no matter what color it flew or what ideology it followed, and to provide cover for that through the abuse of Islam and the abuse of the holy sites of Islam. So it's very hard for them to break from this habit. It's like asking a pedophile to stop. The only thing that stops a pedophile is a bullet to the head or being jailed for life. So it's a psychological problem that is unsolvable. When somebody doesn't like themselves, and doesn't like who they are, and doesn't like their people, doesn't like their color, their skin, their culture, and goes and gives the kiswa, the covering of the Kaaba, the most holy site in Islam, to be a carpet under the feet of Epstein, that is a psychological sickness that cannot be cured.

Okay? And so, what are you going to do with somebody like that? No matter how much logic you put to them, even, you know, it's been really wonderful watching the Iranian, you know, speakers, first off, address the Arab people, even address these monarchs and try to tell them, hey, we can have cooperation, even at this moment. Because it is actually, you know, if it was me, I would have more anger. But the patience that the Iranian statements are coming out with is even weakening these people more and is causing them to humiliate themselves more. You'd think with all these olive branches that Iran is handing to these Arabian Peninsula monarchs, they would just jump on it as the US is leaving, as Israel is failing, and be like, okay, let's have cooperation and, okay, let's survive.

