

Laith Marouf: No One Saw This Coming: Hezbollah SMASHES IDF Frontline

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#Nima

Hi everybody, today is Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Laith Marouf from Beirut, is here with us. Welcome.

#Laith

Great to be with you, Nima. Thank you for having me.

#Nima

Laith, a lot of news footage is coming out of Lebanon, and we've seen how capable Hezbollah is so far. They're hitting Israeli soldiers, the air defense system, tanks, everything—communication systems. What is the situation right now? Because it has to be something so desperate, since Israeli Smotrich yesterday came out and said, for each and every drone, we're going to bring down ten buildings in Beirut. What is going on?

#Laith

Yeah, those FPVs that Hezbollah is using are reaching unprecedented efficiency. Clearly, Hezbollah has surveillance and intelligence-gathering capabilities over South Lebanon and the north of Palestine, monitoring all the movement there of the invading forces and hunting commanders, even high-ranking ones, the ones that are controlling the battle scene. As we know, there are at least ten senior officers in control of the battle zone within the Jewish invading military that have been liquidated over the last two weeks. This is huge losses. And you referred to one of those videos. Yesterday, Hezbollah released an exclusive video to the Iranian media dedicated to the martyred children of the Minab school attack.

And that video showed an FPV in the Bint Jbeil area following a jeep carrying all these soldiers, and it's flying at street level. The jeep sees the FPV coming and turns right, but the FPV still reaches the back of that jeep, and clearly in the video, you can count at least five soldiers that are minced from

this explosion. So this is happening every hour. The Israelis threw another 30,000 soldiers to the front in the last 48 hours to try to achieve some military victory. The main battle axis they're concentrating on is to try to reach the Crusader fort of Beaufort, or it's called Al-Shaqif Castle in Arabic. This is a high point overlooking both the Litani River and the whole valley around Bint Jbeil city.

So this is why the Crusaders built a castle there, because it can overlook much of South Lebanon and the central region around Bint Jbeil. And yesterday, on one of these two axes that they're trying to reach from this castle, the Israeli invading force fell into an ambush and were minced to the point where they had to retreat and order an air raid to try to hit the locations where the Hezbollah fighters were ambushing them from. And they haven't been able to reopen this axis. So on the ground, the Israeli soldiers are really suffering, both as they advance like this when the FPVs hunt them, and when they try to hide in occupied homes and so forth.

And then they use those nets to cover, to protect them from FPVs, which makes them even more noticeable where they are gathering and thus hit by suicide drones and artillery or missile fire. So the more the Israelis are pushing in, the more they are losing. There's no solution that they can find for these FPVs or the ambushes that Hezbollah is conducting. The ceasefire war cannot be sustainable like this. The temporary kind of ceasefire that Iran and the United States have is stuttering on the brink of collapse because of the actions of the Israelis inside Lebanon. But still, I think we have one more week of a window of the Israelis attempting to achieve some victories on the battleground in Lebanon, but I don't think they will. At the end of this, either the Israelis will have to withdraw completely, or we are back into full war involving Iran.

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Yesterday, they said they're going to cross the yellow line that they defined themselves. And it seems that they are sending more troops on the ground to the southern part of Lebanon?

#Laith

Yeah, as I said, they have pushed in another 30,000 troops to the front, and this is happening at the same time when the Israeli military is saying that there are 70,000 draft dodgers, soldiers that ran away, they're not in the country. That's a huge number of the ground forces of the Zionist forces, basically, that are not available. So you can tell clearly that there's a deterioration in the quality of soldiers that they have. Many of those who fought in the battle zones of Lebanon or Gaza are having psychological problems or ran away. And the younger officers that are being put into command because of the killings of senior officers, both on the battlefield in Lebanon and in Gaza over the last three years, this all shows how desperate they are.

And when they are facing these huge losses on the battlefield, they are resorting to outright genocidal actions directed towards civilians and civilian infrastructure. Yesterday, there were around

32 civilians that were martyred in attacks on homes and residences far away from the battlefield, both in the Bekaa Valley and the central parts of the southern sectors of Lebanon. In fact, this morning, the Israelis, in their moment of rage, in this wave of something like 40 different air raids that they conducted, attacked the Qaraoun Dam.

This is a dam that holds together the Qaraoun Lake reserve of water and the Litani River from one side and the Qaraoun River from the other, or the Assi River that passes through the whole Bekaa Valley to Syria and Homs. And the three missiles that they fired hit both sides of the dam. So it's a threat to destroy the dam of Qaraoun and then flood all the villages down the path of the water from there all the way to Syria and all the way to the south of Lebanon. So it's a genocidal threat, this action, what they are doing. And it is very probable that they will do something like this. There are no limitations on the animalistic behavior of the Zionists up until now.

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Ben-Gurion said that Israel won't let Trump sign a bad deal with Iran. And we know that since the ceasefire started, they attacked. The moment Donald Trump announced the ceasefire, they attacked Lebanon. That's why every time they see some sort of sign and they feel that they're losing politically, geopolitically, they're attacking Lebanon. This is, I think... what is the understanding of Hezbollah of this behavior of Israel? Because there's so much, you know, it's not about what's going on between Lebanon and Israel. It's about what's going on between the United States and Iran. That's why Israel is attacking Lebanon. It's not some sort of escalation that is happening because Hezbollah is attacking some targets in Israel that is bringing some sort of outrage in Israeli society. That's why they're attacking Lebanon. It's all related to what's going on, the big picture I'm talking about — how they're losing the big picture of the Middle East, of West Asia.

#Laith

You know, yesterday Norman Finkelstein published something, and I think it fits the contradictions of what he said in how people are not understanding the situation with a bigger outlook on it. There is the strategic goal of the Zionists, which is to have a Jewish supremacist colony in the land of Palestine that actually expands into an empire that subjugates all of Western Asia and North Africa under their rule. And this is a strategic goal that contradicts the American strategic goal for West Asia, which is to control the oil and gas and its flow, as well as the trade routes.

At some point, the original strategic goal of Israel was just to create a Jewish state and to maintain it. There was a kind of parallel between the strategic goal of the United States to subjugate the Arab and Iranian peoples, loot their resources, and control their trade routes, with the existence of Israel as a project that weakens any unification process or integration for the whole region and stunts the growth of the people and their technologies in the area. That was how Zionism and imperialism worked hand in hand. Well, now we have a contradiction between the strategic goals of both of those camps.

And we're seeing, obviously, all of those right-wing pundits and the America First crowd cry while the Israel First project is harming America First, okay? So this is what's happening right now. The United States, in its attempt to appease the Jewish colony's strategic look and goals, which are to have this greater Israel empire, destroyed the petrodollar. And the nonstop support for the genocide in Gaza, Lebanon, and the whole region by the empire destroyed 100 years of accumulated soft power and military power that the empire had.

While the United States could have abandoned the Jewish colony and Zionism and maintained control of all the Arab puppet vassals, in fact, it would have been even harder for revolutionaries in Lebanon or Syria or Jordan or Iraq or the Gulf to find an excuse for a revolution against the puppet regimes. These regimes were giving the United States everything it wants — all the oil, all the gas, the petrodollar, all the trade routes, everything. And most probably, even the Palestinian elite, like Mahmoud Abbas, would have kissed the hand of the empire and provided a Palestine that is in service of the imperials. So it is the irrational point that we're seeing right now, where the United States actually needs to withdraw.

It had a war with Iran and the axis of resistance that weakened it beyond any imagination of anybody. But you have Ben-Gvir and the Zionists in general, both in the United States and so forth, holding the whole empire from its testicles and squeezing and saying, you cannot. We will either expose you or the pedophilia in your Epstein files, and we will also, anyway, destroy your political career in general. Look at what happened to Thomas Massie without a pedophile file. They don't need the Epstein files to rule people like Trump and Biden. They control media. They control the finances of the political class. They control the big AI companies. They control the big technology companies.

And they are bullying — the Zionists are bullying the American elite. And so this is where, why, it is very probable that the United States will do something very stupid. Trump will do something very stupid, allowing either the Zionists to commit a mass massacre in Lebanon, which will trigger Iran to come to the aid of Lebanon, which will then trigger the United States to come to the aid of Israel, and we're back to square one of this confrontation. Or they will just trigger an attack on Iran because they cannot win anything in Lebanon, and they're going to try to drag everybody back into war. So this is where we're at, and the American elite are unable to actually take sovereign decisions that prioritize even their racist imperialist goals, okay?

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The question is, Laith, what else can they do, what else can the United States do for Israel? I think this is the end for Israel. This is the maximum the United States can do for them. Nothing else they can do for Israel, because they came in with the support of GCC countries, with the support of each and everybody in West Asia. They attacked Iran. They attacked Lebanon. They attacked the Axis of Resistance. They thought that with the fall of Bashar al-Assad, the Axis of Resistance—that's the end

of Bashar al-Assad—with the assassinations in Iran and in Lebanon, against Hezbollah and against Iran.

They thought that everything—they've done everything—and that's the final moment for the Axis of Resistance to bring everything down. That didn't work. That's why you see GCC countries, they're so desperate right now. They're doing everything to make some sort of deal between Iran and the United States. That's the main reason. And I think by now everybody understands in Israel that they have failed and no one else can do what Donald Trump did for them against Iran. This is the reason. I don't know, what is your assessment of that? What else can they do for Israel?

#Laith

You know, this is where sometimes the ideological, religious, messianic Armageddonists become the only thing that we can analyze. Because a rational situation would be that the United States would—you're right—the United States cannot do more. It has used half of its strategic weapons, three-quarters of its air defenses, exhausted and tired all its fleet of aircraft, and lost huge numbers of their most advanced drones. And their aircraft carriers are floating, sitting ducks. And they've lost all of their propaganda, both against Iran or against the Axis of Resistance or the Zionists, or the talk about human rights and freedom of speech and international law—all of that done.

And the United States can maybe go into another 30-day war with Iran, and then it will be naked against even a militia or a drug gang crossing from Mexico. This is how weak they will be if they go into a war. The only thing different that they can do is use a nuclear weapon. And I don't think the United States, neither the people of the United States nor the rest of the political international class, will allow the United States to use nuclear weapons. We were almost at that point at the end of that 40-some-odd-day war, and the whole world rejected it, and the U.S. backed away from it. So what we're left with is, if the Zionists continue on this path, they are Armageddonists, and they have nuclear weapons.

They cannot win a war by themselves. If the United States and the West abandon them suddenly, under a situation where there's a war with Iran and the U.S. loses, suddenly they are abandoned, they will go even crazier because any leverage the United States or the West may have had over it by being in control of the supply of weapons and actually being the one that is fighting the wars on behalf of Israel will cease to exist. So that's the only thing that is worse in the projected future of the end of Zionism and the Jewish colony. There is no way that this is not going to happen. It's going to happen.

Israel is going to cease to exist. The Jewish colonies are going to have to pack up and leave. Now, how that happens and how bloody it is, and whether the Israelis will use a nuclear weapon, that's the only thing that we cannot predict. Okay, we know the end. We don't know how the end is gonna happen. And logically, the thing that we all should be working on as we are seeing imperial power collapse in front of our eyes is to try to rush to influence the elite within the imperial order and the

West in general to go and withdraw the nuclear weapons of Israel as they did before the collapse of apartheid in South Africa.

Remember, the apartheid regime in South Africa was threatening to nuke the black revolutionaries in Angola, in Namibia, in Botswana, in Egypt, in Zimbabwe, that were all occupied originally by the apartheid regime. People forget that. They think that it's only South Africa. All of the whole South African region was living genocide at the hands of the South African colonists, white colonists. So they were threatening to nuke the resistance in South Africa, and the imperial powers in the West went and took hold of the nuclear weapons of South Africa and withdrew them. That's the next stage of our battle that we need to work on as the U.S. collapses in terms of its imperial power in our region.

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What is the situation in the West Bank, and how do you see the PLO and Mahmoud Abbas? Many people would argue Mahmoud Abbas would prefer to live like those people who are in Israel, occupied Palestine, Israel today. They're living there, and they say so. It doesn't seem that they care about the West Bank, and that's why many people are asking, who's going to be responsible in the West Bank? Is that going to come under the control of Hamas? What would be the future of the West Bank? What is your understanding of that?

#Laith

Yeah, I want to first say that the Palestinian citizens of the State of Israel, or 1948 Palestinians as we like to call them, have lived under horrible military rule for decades. Thousands of them, including the most famous poets of Palestine, were jailed for decades. And during the demonstrations that happened between the Second Intifada and just before the Aqsa Flood, we saw, of course, thousands of these Palestinians go out and demonstrate and get beaten and jailed and raped. And, of course, there's constant surveillance and control over them. So the Palestinians of 1948 are some of the most oppressed and forgotten. And it was always a hard time to aid them, even for the axis of resistance.

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Laith, there are 2.1 million people, yeah? In Israel. Something like that. Two million, more than two million.

#Laith

Yeah, just under two million or around two million, yes. But they are ghettoized. They don't live in areas—they're not allowed to live in areas that have a Jewish majority. There are cities and villages that have constitutions that don't allow Palestinians to live in them. And they are ghettoized and far

away from each other on purpose. They're not allowed to go back to the villages that they are from. You understand, they're ethnically cleansed within the 1948 territories. I don't want to say that they couldn't be more revolted, but it is behind enemy lines. And I don't think they would fare better than rebelling people inside the West Bank or Gaza if they took that armed struggle path. And there were multiple operations over the last, you know, just before the Aqsa Flood, that were from people from the 1948 territories, Palestinians.

In terms of Mahmoud Abbas, Mahmoud Abbas right now is trying to create a transition team. The Fatah party that he heads is really dead. The population in the West Bank and in Gaza has abandoned them, the mass population. And what is left is kind of a fiefdom or a gang formation where those who are working for the party and their families are the only ones supporting it. And this is why we see Mahmoud Abbas trying to install his son right now as the leader of Fatah. And he did. Fatah had its assembly, its first in decades, and it was held in the West Bank, where the Palestinians basically in Gaza, Jerusalem, or in the refugee camps around the world, or in the diaspora, had no say. And he installed his son, who had no political career or activism career or anything.

So it's a business that he's moving into. So how much effect does Fatah right now have in the West Bank? Zero. And the Palestinian Authority as a whole, that Fatah is usurping and dominating, is ineffective. It doesn't have any power outside the compound in Ramallah for the government. Their tanks and jeeps parade back and forth around the government offices in Ramallah, and nobody stops them. So there's no significance to Fatah or the Palestinian Authority. There is a lot of smuggling of weapons happening right now to the West Bank. Every once in a while, we see Jordanian authorities claiming that they shot down a cargo-carrying drone with weapons that were heading to the West Bank. And if they are catching one every couple of months, it means hundreds of others are passing and making it.

But I think it's not the right time, in the mind of the Axis of Resistance, to trigger something in the West Bank that is more of a military confrontation. And I think Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the PFLP, and others would coordinate more on such a thing, especially after what happened on October 7th, when the Palestinians triggered Al-Aqsa Flood, and how the Axis of Resistance components were not ready for it because of the secrecy that the Palestinian resistance had to maintain. I think there will be more coordination for any military activities to happen in the West Bank, and the Axis of Resistance will trigger it only when it is fitting for the components of the Axis of Resistance to engage with it.

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Yeah, many people, many of us may think—they forget that East Jerusalem, the people who are living in East Jerusalem, they're not part of Israel, and they're not full citizens of Israel today. And

how is the life of these people who are, you know, basically, East Jerusalem is different from the western part? Because the newly, you know, the Trump administration did that to the Palestinian people in his first term. And do we know what's going on with these people in East Jerusalem?

#Laith

Yeah, of course. West Jerusalem before 1948 was majority Palestinian. They were ethnically cleansed from the part of the city that the Israelis occupied in 1948. And East Jerusalem was occupied in 1967. And within two days of the Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, Israeli bulldozers arrived in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Mosque and leveled the whole Moroccan Quarter, okay? Which is the historic neighborhood of Jerusalem that was mainly inhabited by pilgrimage immigrants from the Maghreb area—Algerian, Tunisian, Libyan, Moroccan—who arrived here thousands of years ago. Jerusalem has different neighborhoods, and that was one of them.

And that's when they made the Wailing Wall area, right? The ethnic cleansing of East Jerusalem began within days of its occupation, and that continues. And up until now, you know, in East Jerusalem, there are around 300,000 Palestinians that live there. They don't have citizenship in the state of Israel. They have a blue identity card that, you know, declares them as having a right to reside in Jerusalem. But the minute they leave Jerusalem, they cannot come back. And over the last three years, the ethnic cleansing of Jerusalem has accelerated. You remember before the Aqsa Flood, everybody was talking about the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and other neighborhoods in Jerusalem where all these colonists from New York were coming in and pushing out families by force and taking their homes.

Well, that accelerated under the focus on genocide in Gaza, and many of those voices that used to produce content about that—let's say Mohammed Al-Kurd and his sister and so on—left the country, left the neighborhood, or are in the United States. So there's nobody showing you what's happening, but it's happening on a daily basis. And so tens of thousands of Palestinians inside East Jerusalem have been expelled over the last three years, and their homes confiscated or demolished. And the Palestinian Authority doesn't care and doesn't do anything about it. Again, you know, with mentioning all of these different Palestinian zones, you can see how there's a hierarchy, of course, and isolation of these different Palestinian communities.

The worst, of course, conditions are for Palestinians in Gaza. Then you have Palestinians in the West Bank, then Palestinians in Jerusalem, then Palestinians in '48, and then you have the Palestinians in the refugee camps that are being abused and fired on here in Lebanon, or their refugee camp is destroyed in Syria, and so on and so on. And then you've got the diaspora. And this is intentional—to create these bubbles that have different conditions, okay, of the indigenous suffering—to make it also hard to fully relate, you know, and create divisions. Well, if somebody's better in their life inside '48 or inside the West Bank than Gaza, well, I'm not going to do what Gaza is doing so I don't get the same treatment, you see? So it's all part and parcel of the colonial authority structuring on purpose, you know?

#Nima

Many people, Laith, I would say, are arguing why people like you and the people in the Axis of Resistance don't accept, don't recognize the Israeli government or Israel as a country. The main reason, I think, many of us—you've just mentioned what's going on with the Palestinian people in Israel. These people are more than 20% of the population of Israel. If we assume that Israelis today living in Israel are 8 million, which is far less than 8 million because of the war—many of them got out of Israel—so let's assume they're 20%, more than 20%. They're not receiving, they're not voting.

They're second-class citizens in Israel. And when it comes to education, you know, housing, infrastructure, the poverty rate is exceeding 50% among these people. So how can someone imagine—and they're not voting, and on some marginal issues they can vote, but for important issues, nobody cares about these people living in Israel. That's the problem. What else can we say in that direction? That Israel, in its current form, cannot exist, and there has to be some sort of change in that region, and people cannot ignore the reality of what's going on in Israel today.

#Laith

Yeah, I mean, look, this gotcha question of like, do you condemn Hamas? Or do you acknowledge the right of Israel to exist? I mean, honestly, on what grounds does someone support the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state in the land of Palestine? Those who say that they support that base it usually on one of four. There's no other excuse they'll give you. One is like a God that is not the God of Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad, that said we are all from one mother and one father, and human beings will be judged by how they treat other human beings. Don't kill, don't steal, don't covet your neighbor's belongings. Okay? This God that is not the God of Moses says that there's a chosen people.

The rest of humanity is irrelevant and is slaves to them, and that those chosen people can kill, can steal, can covet their neighbor's belongings as they wish. So this is religious supremacy and fanaticism that no one who is not a Jewish supremacist would accept. The second excuse that they will give is this idea of blood purity or blood quantum, that somehow Jewish immigrants or Jewish converts in Europe have an uninterrupted bloodline for 4,000 years back to Palestine, and that bloodline is more pure than the bloodline of the Palestinian current indigenous people who lived in the land and never moved from it for 4,000 years. Of course, this is, you know, race science—it's pseudoscience, pseudoscience.

There's no such thing as any race. We're all mixed mutts. You know, there's no such thing as—we're not like different breeds, okay? And it is racist to presume that somehow Jews are inbred. We're supposed to accept this idea that Jews are inbred as if it's an acceptable idea, not a racist, derogatory thing to say about Jews, right? And the third one is the idea that the oppression of Jews at the hands of Europeans, including the Nazis, as a reward and making up for this mistreatment,

that Palestinians have to pay for it by their land and blood. And Jews have the right to genocide the Palestinians and steal their land because some Europeans genocided them and stole their land. Of course, this is illogical.

You want to give reparations for the European Jews for their mistreatment. You give them part of your European country. And the final stupid, stupid, stupid idea is that, well, it just exists right now. Well, it's done. It's a done deal. Apparently, it's not a done deal. Yugoslavia existed. You can smash Yugoslavia into 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 pieces. You can work right now to smash Russia into a million nations. Openly demand that. Or China. Or Iran. You can erase the existence of Libya, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen as states, and their borders smashed and non-existent. You cannot dream about erasing the Jewish colony and this genocidal system and dream of a better system. You have to just coexist with it.

It exists. So there is no logical reason to accept the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish colony in the land of Palestine on a human level, on a legal level, on a historical level, on a scientific level, on a mathematical level even, because you brought math. Almost 60% of those who live within the territory of historic Palestine between the river and the sea are Palestinians today. This is why the Israelis are conducting genocide. They know that the demographic—for the first time around in 2020, the Palestinians bounced back as a population to being the majority within their historical land after the ethnic cleansing of the Nakba. And the Israelis decided to beat mathematics and beat demographics.

#Nima

They need to conduct genocide.

#Laith

Well, no, there is no right for Israel to exist on any ground.

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Laith, what is your understanding of the capabilities of Hezbollah? Do you think that—yesterday I talked with Professor Marandi—I said Lebanon needs an air defense system. And if they could achieve this sort of, you know, weapons, which are so important... and self-defense is not about attacking anybody. Is there any sort of communication between Hezbollah and the government in Lebanon? If you have your friends, ask them to give you an air defense system. Or let someone else give us the air defense system to fight Israel. Because the Israelis are attacking us. We're not attacking them. They're attacking—they want to—they're drawing a yellow line in the southern part of Lebanon. They want to annex the southern part of Lebanon. That's why, in my opinion, sooner or later, there has to be some sort of air defense system in Lebanon to defend Lebanon.

#Laith

Yeah, you know, we are watching over the last few days, as well during the war on Iran, those Iranian air defense systems that shot down the F-35s and the MQ-9s and so forth. And we discovered, of course, that the reason the Iranian air defense systems were able to spot the F-35 or MQ-9s and manage to get the missile to hit the F-35 without it firing its decoy flares and so forth, without it basically noticing that the missile was gonna hit it, is because the Iranian military used, instead of radars, heat vision, and the seeking and directing of that missile was through that system instead of radars.

There were also indications that Iran was using some air defense systems with fiber optics on the missiles, fiber optic wires, in order to avoid the jamming that was coming from American occupation positions in Western Asia. And both those technologies were actually tested by Hezbollah during the 33-day war. We watched that same thing—air defense missiles fired that had fiber optics—that shot down the Hermes 900 in Lebanon during the 33-day war, and those heat-seeking vision systems instead of radars.

So I think Hezbollah is directly in communication with the Iranian military. In fact, the tests of capabilities and new innovative systems are happening here in Lebanon, and Lebanese engineers and Lebanese strategists and so on are integral to what we are seeing across. So I think, you know, this is not to, of course, say that Iran is not responsible for the amazing technologies that it has. I'm just showing how each component of the axis of resistance is coming up with innovations that are being carried back and forth between the battle zones. There were multiple times that China and Russia and Syria, when it was still governed by President Assad, offered Lebanon air defense systems.

Remember, Syria used to have all the air defense systems inside Lebanon until the Israeli Mossad, the CIA, and the Saudi intelligence assassinated President Hariri, Prime Minister Hariri, Rafiq Hariri, in 2005 to trigger a color revolution to push out Syrian air defenses from Lebanon in order to attack Lebanon in 2006, okay? So there were those offers multiple times, the last of them being in 2019 or 2020. I think the Chinese government offered air defense systems for the Lebanese military, and it was rejected by the Lebanese government and the Lebanese military because of how dependent the Lebanese military, including some of its salaries, is directly on the American military, and the American military was threatening to cut all the supplies of weapons and salaries to Lebanese officers and what have you.

So there is no way that the Lebanese government will even take a donation of air defenses from anybody. And the Western Imperial Alliance will never give the Lebanese military air defense systems. Hezbollah is using air defense systems but cannot put in radars and big machines with huge missiles to shoot down F-35s. Movement of those things will be immediately spotted and attacked, especially radars. So Hezbollah has to innovate and use smaller systems that can escape any surveillance and spotting as they are preparing defense against attacks from the air.

#Nima

Yeah. You're talking about the mobile air defense system that someone, you know—yeah, I understand. I saw some footage of that. They're using those, you know, to hit the drones, basically drones. They're using it against the fighter jets. It's quite impossible to hit a fighter jet. That's difficult.

#Laith

Yeah, they're using these shoulder-mounted advanced SAMs, but in order to not use a radar system to hit the Hermes 900s, the most advanced drones that the Israelis are using, they are actually wiring them with fiber optics and then directing them, so the drone cannot see the missile coming, doesn't know that it's been painted by radar, and is hit. And it's impossible to jam the direction of this missile because it's on a fiber optic wire. Yeah, you cannot use that against a fighter jet because of the speed issues, because of the height that this jet can go up to. So that's where the weakness comes.

Similarly, when we're talking about the anti-ship capabilities that Hezbollah had, Hezbollah used to—and I think it still has but hasn't activated them—used to have those guided missiles that fire on ships, but they need a radar system. Right, so there were a couple of those times that they were used in the 33-day war or other wars, and those system locations were immediately spotted, even if they were hidden, because of the radio waves and so forth, and they were destroyed. So now Hezbollah is using similar systems that are avoiding being spotted as radar and so on to attack the ships of NATO in the waters across from Lebanon.

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Thank you so much, Laith, for being with us today. Please go to freepalestine.video. Right below Laith's name, you see freepalestine.video. Go there and support Laith because he's reporting in the southern part of Lebanon on what's going on right now. We know everything is happening between Lebanon and Israel. The main battlefield right now between the axis of resistance and Israel is in Lebanon today. And Laith is reporting on that. Great pleasure as always, Laith.

#Laith

Thank you so much, Nima. See you next week, Habibi.

#Nima

See you. Bye bye.