

Laith Marouf: Hezbollah's drones & rockets just shattered Israel's buffer zone

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Hi everybody, it's Wednesday, June 3rd, 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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There is a lot to talk about today. One of them is what has happened between Iran and the United States. They wanted to attack Dahia. They attacked Dahia. They're attacking, as we speak, Dahia and the southern part of Lebanon. But there was some sort of confrontation between Iran and the United States. Basically, the main goal was the behavior of Israel. And why do we have all of this madness and this sort of communication, these attacks? Because Israel is desperate. And the drone attacks and this new strategy of Hezbollah, using drones together with rockets, are bringing them to their knees because they're desperate. They don't know how to deal with that. Even the Israeli ambassador to the UN mentioned that. Here is what he said.

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Example of a drone used by Hezbollah. This is what we are dealing with. Now Hezbollah are using different kinds of drones, a few of them with fiber optics. These drones weigh less than two kilograms. They fly low. They are very difficult to detect. And by the time you hear it above your head, it's too late. It can fly undetected for tens of miles, and all of a sudden, you see it above your head. A thin cable is what makes this drone different. It does not rely on a radio signal. It cannot be easily jammed, unfortunately. It gives the operator a live video feed and direct control until impact. This is modern warfare — cheap, precise, deadly.

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Yeah. Laith, what is happening in Lebanon, and what do we know about the ongoing war between Lebanon and Israel?

#Laith

Well, you know, I just want to correct something. The Israelis were threatening to attack Dahiya, the southern suburb, but they never did. And that is, of course, thanks to Iran threatening immediately to destroy much of northern occupied Palestine. And they had a warning with a map telling all the colonists in the north of Palestine, all the way to Haifa and Tiberias Lake, to be ready to pack up and leave if the Netanyahu regime is crazy enough to attack Dahiya. So it's been now two days of everybody kind of waiting to see if Netanyahu is crazy enough to do that and trigger a direct confrontation with Iran.

On the battlefield, as you mentioned, and as the crocodile-tear ambassador of the Zionist colony in the United Nations was pointing out, the tactics that Hezbollah is using, whether it's the FPVs or the ambushes it is setting up for the advancing Israeli troops, are so effective that we know at least 400 tanks and armored vehicles have been destroyed inside South Lebanon. And the surveillance capabilities of Hezbollah in the north of occupied Palestine, because of its constant destruction of the Iron Dome batteries — we've seen tens of them being destroyed over the last two months inside occupied Palestine in the north. Now the drones of Hezbollah and the missiles of Hezbollah that are flying to attack bases and positions of Israeli troops inside occupied Palestine are undeterred, undefended. They can hit anything they want to, and they are hitting anything they want to. They've been targeting the Meron base on Meron Mountain in the north of the Galilee.

This is the most important command and control base that the Israelis have, and they have been pounding Israeli colonies all the way, of course, in the Hula Valley. Just a few minutes ago, there were huge explosions in the Miskaf Am colony, and this is in the panhandle of Palestine that sticks up on the map. And Netanya and other colonies are also coming under attack. Part of these attacks are attacks on gatherings of Israeli soldiers or their bases, but other attacks, which are really hurting the Israelis badly, are the ones that are targeted assassinations of Israeli officers, commanders, colonels, and what have you, that are staying behind the borderline giving commands to the Israeli troops that are moving.

And we saw Hezbollah hunt these officers inside the colonies, even in, you know, homes that they are hiding in to camouflage where they are. Their vehicles are being spotted by Hezbollah's surveillance drones, and then their vehicles, as they move, are getting attacked. And so we know the Israelis have admitted at least 12 officers dead over the last— and in fact, the Secretary General of Hezbollah, Naeem Qasem, named those officers that were liquidated by Hezbollah. So the battle is going Hezbollah's way. And the Axis of Resistance is so confident with Hezbollah's performance that up until now, the tacit agreement between the United States and Iran that Hezbollah and Israel can fight it out in South Lebanon and the winner takes all has been to the advantage of Hezbollah.

And this is why we saw Netanyahu trying to attack Beirut to cause a mass casualty event, to trigger Iran intervening, which would have dragged the United States to come and defend this failing military campaign of Netanyahu. So this is actually what's behind this thing. And I think what we saw over the last 24 hours, whether it's the statements about Trump's disagreement with Netanyahu or those attacks that happened last night on Iran and on some of the Arabian Peninsula vassals, all show how fragile the situation is and how easy it is that we could find ourselves rolling into a regional war without notice.

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Donald Trump, in his interview just yesterday, said, "I'm concerned about the ongoing conflict between Netanyahu and Lebanon." And what happened late, when the Israelis announced that they're going to attack Dahia, the United States said, "If you want to prevent the attack on Dahia, you have to stop attacking Dahia." Israel is in the southern part of Lebanon. So somehow they're dealing with one part and the other part of Lebanon. They're talking about Lebanon; they're not talking about Israel. Then Iran came in and said, "If they attack Dahia, we're going to attack the northern part of Israel. They have to evacuate their homes."

And what is the situation in Dahia today? We've seen some footage coming out of Dahia that people are leaving their homes. Are they getting back to their homes? Because Professor Miranda said something so much—because he said these people have been removed from their homes and the other neighborhoods in Lebanon. They are coordinating with other GCC countries, with the government in Lebanon. They don't let these people go to their neighborhoods in other parts of Lebanon because they want to put pressure on the acts of resistance. And we know how important Dahia is for the acts of resistance.

#Laith

Yeah, there are two things here that you mentioned. One is the offer for a ceasefire that Rubio and the United States were trying to offer here. And the deal that they were offering is for North Palestine: if you stop bombing North Palestine, occupied Palestine, we will stop bombing Dahia. And Hezbollah, of course, didn't agree to this formula because what Hezbollah wants is South Lebanon for North Palestine. That's the formula. If you attack Dahia, then we will attack Tel Aviv. That makes more sense. And, of course, both the Speaker of the House, Nabih Berri, who represents the Amal Party, and Hezbollah's representatives all disregarded this offer and returned with the offer to the Americans that a total ceasefire and total withdrawal from occupied territories in Lebanon will lead to a ceasefire from Hezbollah's side.

You know, Hezbollah is not gonna fall for that one-sided ceasefire ever again, as Iran is not gonna accept that also in its dealings with Israel and the United States. So we're past that reality of when Israel could get away with one-sided ceasefires, as it did in Gaza or in South Lebanon during the 2005 ceasefire. So we're now clear, you know, the loudest voice on the table of negotiation is the

bullet. Whoever can enforce their will will enforce the terms of the ceasefire. And neither Israel nor the United States have the upper hand militarily to dictate the limitations of the ceasefire. In terms of the people in Dahia, yeah, when the Israelis threatened to bomb Dahia, there was panic. You know, this is 300,000, 400,000 people living in a condensed area that had to evacuate as fast as possible.

There were scenes of chaos, you know—hours of traffic in and out of Dahia. And most people are staying out of Dahia, not because they're afraid. It's clear that, you know, maybe more than any time now, the Israelis will not dare attack Dahia. But let's see. I don't want to preempt that, but people are worried that just the scenes of them going back en masse into Dahia will anger the Zionists so much, because, you know, everything that's in the minds of the Zionists is about supremacy. And they would actually attack Dahia just out of spite once they see people going back and having normal lives. They don't like normalcy in anyone's life. So if there are people going back, they are not making a big fuss about it, and there isn't a big movement.

And I think even Hezbollah itself is telling people, don't make a big fuss about it so these crazies don't—so their feelings don't get too hurt, and then they do something crazy because of that. The other neighborhoods... I understand what Professor Marandi was talking about. There are attempts by some of the political parties that are beholden to money from the Gulf to assert their power over neighborhoods that they control and to try to not have internally displaced people move into them. And this is... not everywhere. This is in very certain areas where there is total control by the Kata'ib Party or the Kuwaiti Party. And these are the Christian supremacist parties.

In the Sunni regions, even though most of the leadership of the Sunni sects, religiously and politically, are beholden to Gulf money, the population is not of that attitude. And so we see a lot of the Sunni areas and the Druze areas being the destination for the internally displaced. And finally, I would say that even in the Christian areas, the vast majority that are outside the control of the Kata'ib and the Kuwaiti parties, you know, the people are welcome in them. I would say the biggest obstacle for the internally displaced right now is the price gouging for apartments and so forth. And that's more a capitalist, you know, greed issue than sectarianism.

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Nathan, in the last three days, if I'm not mistaken, we've learned that Israel is approaching the Litani River or crossing the Litani River. Is that right? And where did that happen? And is it going to be all along the Litani River or just some parts of it? And what is the situation there?

#Laith

Yeah, well, it is deceiving, of course, the statements by the Israelis, because when you look at the map, the Israelis crossed from the closest point between the border of Palestine to the Litani River, and that's like less than five kilometers away, like four kilometers, four and a half kilometers. And to

get through that path, it's Christian villages, Marjayoun and Deir Siryan, that Hezbollah doesn't have, you know, permanent positions in. Therefore, it was an easy walk from there. But once they got to the river from that axis of four kilometers, through these two Christian villages, they were stuck for almost three weeks trying to go up to reach Beaufort Castle, the Crusader archaeological treasure that is outside Nabatiyeh City, in order to kind of have a fire view into Nabatiyeh City.

And while that may sound militarily logical, that could have been true a long time ago. But now with these FPVs, once the Israelis, after three weeks of pushing to get to Beaufort Castle, finally got to it, they are now sitting ducks on top of a hill that has no vegetation cover. So we saw over the last two days multiple videos by Hezbollah showing the attacks of FPVs on soldiers, on tanks, on Humvees. And, you know, we can count at least 12 armored vehicles destroyed around the Beaufort Castle. So it's becoming a liability. Because the Israelis wanted to have that image of, whoa, we caught the Crusader Castle of Beaufort, and now we're, you know, we crossed past the Litani River. Look at us.

That's a stupid, you know, way of decision-making in Israel, and it's because they're so desperate for an image of success. And they haven't been able to move past that. They're stuck in the two villages around the Beaufort Castle, and they're getting pounded. Also, just an hour ago, on the other axis that they've been trying to push, on the coast from Naqoura towards Tyre or Sur City, they have been stuck again for three weeks in Al-Bayada, which is the main village between Tyre and Naqoura. And just this morning, Hezbollah announced a huge operation, destroying and attacking a gathering of Israeli soldiers there. Many of these supposed high points that the Israelis want to take to control by fire the main cities of Tyre and Nabatiyeh are actually becoming kill zones for them.

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Laith, what do we know about the explosives on these drones, and how capable are they? What is the damage that each one of these drones can cause when it comes to the Israeli soldiers, Iron Dome batteries, or communication systems? What do we know about that?

#Laith

Yeah, it seems like Hezbollah is tailoring the weapon on the bottom of these FPVs depending on the target. So we see FPVs using fragmenting missiles when the FPVs are targeted towards foot soldiers or infantry outside their armored vehicles. And that's an immediate kill, obviously, or decapitation or loss of limbs, you know, for anyone that's going to be near a fragmenting missile. Then we see them using armor-piercing shells, and they're using that specifically to hit Merkavas, APCs, and armored bulldozers, and that's taking those pieces of equipment out of commission immediately, of course, if not total destruction. And again, we are seeing them using the armor-piercing missiles and/or fragmenting missiles alternately when they are targeting homes or where the Israelis are basing themselves in occupied South Lebanon.

And that's, again, anyone that's inside those houses is, you know, minced meat after those explosions. I don't know if your viewers saw this, but last week in Al-Bayyada, which Hezbollah just attacked this morning, the Israelis had set up a command base, and Hezbollah released a video of a mélange of all of the FPVs attacking this command base. And one of these videos went through the window, and you could see all the setup computers and screens and so forth that were, you know, controlling whatever cameras and so on in the area that the Israelis set up. And that, you know, missile, drone, FPV, just took that whole command center out. So the damage is huge to the presence of the Israelis, their capabilities to communicate and control anything that's happening on the ground.

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Laith, how do you see the government in Lebanon after Iran announced that they're going to hit the northern part of Israel, and Israel somehow—there was a phone call—Donald Trump said that he, Axios reported that Donald Trump called Benjamin Netanyahu and he was angry about what Israel is doing. But the government in Lebanon said, we've done a lot to talk, to negotiate with Americans in the United States to bring some sort of sanity to what's going on in Lebanon. What was the role of the government in Lebanon, and how actively are they negotiating, they're talking with Americans? How effectively is that going?

#Laith

You know, when you go into negotiations anytime, even when you go in and buy a product, a car, or whatever it is, if you don't have any cards to play, you will not have any effect on the outcome of these negotiations, business or political. And in the situation of the Lebanese government, the only card that it has is the resistance, and it is choosing to go into the negotiations without that card, and in fact saying, I've already abandoned that card, and I'm going to make it illegal and all of those things. And so, of course, the Lebanese negotiating team has no ability to dictate anything that's going to come out of an agreement. They are going to be just passive observers, almost to their own slaughter.

And they will be there just wasting time, as is happening right now, until the boss in the White House and/or the Zionists say, "Sign on this dotted line." And up until now, the Lebanese government is hoping Israel can destroy its own card, its own ace in its pocket, which is the resistance. And they're just waiting for that to happen, which is not going to happen. So, you know, when we look at the supposed disagreement between Trump and Netanyahu that you mentioned, there was a video today of a direct interview with Trump—I don't know which channel it is, a Western channel—and they asked him specifically about that leak on Axios, if he actually, you know, called, used the F-word on Netanyahu. And he asserted that.

You know, it is true on the one hand that the Zionists and the imperialists aligned together in their hate for Arab and Muslim people and wanting to subjugate us and so forth. But right now, since Iran's victory and the victory of the Axis of Resistance against the United States in general, increasingly the strategic goals of the Zionists and the strategic goals of the imperialists are divergent. Okay, up until the war on Iran, the United States for decades saw the Zionist project as a way to fragment the Arab world geographically, to beat up any Arab or Muslim people around that are critical or want to have sovereignty or liberation, and to allow for the looting of our resources in the region at the cheapest price.

Well, that is not necessary anymore because actually Israel is making it worse on those files. It's making the extraction of the resources more expensive. It's lost the empire, the control of the empire, the trade routes, and it's increasingly going to cause internal strife in countries that the US already controls, that are vassals like Asia and the Gulf countries and Jordan, what have you. So at one point, if the United States wants to remain a superpower and not lose all its cards in Western Asia or North Africa, it has to drop the Zionist cause. Right? So that's where the diversion is happening.

And Netanyahu and the Zionists are pulling the United States unwillingly since the attack on Iran. Maybe they were stupid enough to believe that they could beat Iran, Trump and his team. But now they know they are going to lose badly if they go into another war. And so it is very logical that Trump and Netanyahu are clashing. It's not... it's not the same as that theatrics about Biden and Netanyahu clashing. Because up until that point, during the Gaza genocide, Israel still showed itself as if it's the strongest in the region and it can deliver on the imperialist goals of looting the region's resources.

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One of the main goals of bringing down Bashar al-Assad was to disconnect Iran from Hezbollah, to make some sort of disruption in what's going on between Iran and Hezbollah. How is that working right now with the new system in Syria? And is the communication still alive? And how powerful is that compared to what it was during the Assad government?

#Laith

I think as the Syria war dragged on, and it was obvious for Iran and Hezbollah and the Axis of Resistance in general that Russia would not allow a total defeat of Israel and Turkey and the Wahhabi death squads, the Gulf money, and so forth in Syria, and that there would be just a stagnation and power-sharing kind of situation with everybody having areas of influence, you know, those years between 2018 and 2024. I think the Axis of Resistance, Hezbollah, Iran, thought of what's going to happen in the condition of the collapse of the government of Bashar al-Assad and Syria in general, and had reorganized a lot of things.

So it may have not looked to anybody from the outside, it wasn't clear, but now when you look at how all the weapons that Hezbollah is using today in this battle practically have no connection to the former government of Syria or its military — it's not anymore those ATGMs that were bought by Syria and then handed over to Hezbollah that are making the battle, you know, taking the majority of the confrontation. So clearly the Axis of Resistance restructured its military strategy even on the battlefield of Lebanon to fit the realities of possible loss of land connectivity and access to the military hardware that Syria was buying or developing.

Now we can see that these strategies and these plans that the Axis of Resistance put in place before the collapse of the government of Syria actually were brilliant and worked to the advantage of the Axis of Resistance. In fact, maybe the imperialists and the Zionists got confused or believed their own lies about, let's say, the collapse of Syria is going to cut off Hezbollah, and then Hezbollah is left alone and we can bash the hell out of them. And so believing their own lies is what is allowing Hezbollah and the Axis of Resistance to actually win during this battle on the ground in South Lebanon.

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Marco Rubio said, yes, the Trump plan for Gaza doesn't call for seizing 70% of Gaza, which is the main plan on the part of the Israelis. Benjamin Netanyahu said that recently, that they want 70%. And someone in the crowd said 100%. We want all, you know. Then two cases, one of them is Gaza and the other one is the West Bank. And what is the policy of the Axis of Resistance when it comes to, I don't know, how do you find the way that the Axis of Resistance, you know, is trying to—I don't know if there is any sort of communication between the PLO or Mahmoud Abbas and the Axis of Resistance, and they're basically running the West Bank. Is that the case?

#Laith

Yeah, I think Mahmoud Abbas is a senile vegetable right now. And they've just appointed his son as the leader of the Fatah party. So clearly there is a transition within Fatah to the corruption of the family, becoming like a fiefdom for the Abbas family. So whatever influence the Fatah party may have had within some of the population inside the West Bank is now collapsing because there's no more, you know, possibility that somebody's gonna get elected. Everybody's gonna get appointed, and the money is not being shared even within the cadre of employees that work for the Palestinian Authority, who haven't seen their salaries in months. So obviously, Mahmoud Abbas doesn't control anything. He controls information that he hands over to the Israelis for the Israelis to kill people in the West Bank that are resisting.

Just yesterday, the Israeli military, in the middle of the night around 2 or 3 a.m., crashed into the girls' residences within Birzeit University and kidnapped four young women, students at the university. And this is because Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah are looking forward to the elections of the student union at Birzeit University that they're going to lose. Okay, they've been losing the university

student union elections. And, you know, at the end of usually the school year is when the elections happen, right now. And so Mahmoud Abbas is so weak that he has to call on Israel to go arrest 21-year-old, 22-year-old girls, women, young women, students, so he can guarantee some control of the student union. This is how weak he is.

In terms of how the Axis of Resistance is dealing, their dealings are directly with the groups that are resisting — PFLP, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hamas, Democratic Front. Those are the ones that are part of the Axis of Resistance and are in touch with the Axis of Resistance. And I think we heard Iranian government officials multiple times over the last 24 hours saying that the ceasefire doesn't only include Iran or just Lebanon. It includes all the fronts in Western Asia, and that includes Gaza. And so I think the Axis of Resistance will stay with the people of Palestine until liberation, because that is an ideological position of the Axis of Resistance, and it is the human position, and it is the strategic, tactical, right thing for the Axis of Resistance to do.

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The difficulties with the case of Gaza, Palestine, and the West Bank is that these countries in the region — Turkey, Egypt, and all of these countries — have signed some sort of ceasefire with the United States. I don't know what that means anymore. Because if you want to sign a ceasefire, you have to have Hamas, for example, as a representative of the Palestinian people, to sign that. But they signed an agreement with the United States about the ceasefire in Gaza. And looking at what is going on right now, I'm sure if Donald Trump tries to slow down or reduce the Israeli attack on Lebanon, they're going to get back and intensify the attacks on Gaza and the West Bank. That's the reason I don't know how you see these countries who signed this agreement and their responsibility for what's going on and what would happen in Gaza and the West Bank.

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So let's kind of game this and pretend that actually there will be a full ceasefire in Iran and a full ceasefire in Lebanon, although I doubt it, okay? Let's just pretend that. And Hezbollah will not accept a ceasefire until the full withdrawal of Israel from occupied territories in Lebanon. So let's presume all of that happens. And now the Israelis go on an attack against Gaza. Well, you know, up until now, the Israelis are attacking Gaza, but there is all that tension on the war in Lebanon, and before that, and even still till now, the possibility of a world war around Iran. So if all of that is out of the news cycle, and everybody's attention is focused on Gaza, I think the Israeli credibility and position and global trade situation will deteriorate fast.

If all the activists and all the media personalities and all the human rights people and all the whatever are concentrated on Gaza because there's nothing higher in the priority of global issues, then Israel will actually collapse faster. So this is why Israel can't stop. There's a reckoning for the genocide that it committed in Gaza and is committing in Gaza. There's a reckoning for the ethnic cleansing that it is committing in the West Bank. And the only reason that it's not paying a price for

it is because it's dragging us into other wars that we're trying to put the fires out for. So I think if Gaza is the only battlefield left in Western Asia, it will actually play better for the Palestinians.

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I think what is so important in the Iranian position is that there would be no permanent agreement with the United States without Israel withdrawing totally from the southern part of Lebanon. This is not the Iranian position. This is the Lebanese position. I'm talking about Hezbollah. They don't want Israel to be in the southern part of Lebanon. How achievable is that, in your opinion?

#Laith

Very, very, very achievable. The Israelis have announced that there are 70,000 draft dodgers in Israel that have left the colony. That's a huge number when your reserves are like 250, almost 300,000. So that's like one-third of your reserves gone, okay? And now add to it all the dead and injured and psychologically harmed and what have you, and you can see a collapsing fighting force that doesn't have the drive and so forth. Much of the reason that there are all these colonists in Palestine is that they are being told that they are supreme. They are the best, and we have the best weapons, and we're the best in the world. We're the chosen. And that idea of chosenness and being superior is being crushed at the hills of South Lebanon. All right, so these soldiers are awakening to the reality that there's nothing super about them, okay?

And that's not only gonna harm the fighting abilities of Israel, but it's gonna harm the whole project. The whole project of the colony is based on saying, any Jew in this world, you can come and kill and steal and loot and rape. And nobody can touch you because we're chosen by God. Here, come and do it. And you can occupy from the Nile to the Euphrates. And we've got the whole weapons of the empire behind us. Nobody can defeat us. And now all of that is collapsing. Okay, so, you know, how long can they stay in South Lebanon? I don't think for long. This is why they were getting so antsy to try to include Beirut in the battle and drag Iran into it. I want to say one thing that is a very good anecdote for us to understand how weak the Israelis are. In 1982, Israel entered Beirut and occupied it.

#Laith

At the time, the country was crushed, destroyed, and the PLO, the only main fighting force in Lebanon, was put on boats and sent to Tunis. And the whole Lebanese people found themselves at the mercy, and we saw within days the Sabra and Shatila massacre happening, 6,000 civilians chopped up in front of the cameras. But you know what? Within a few days of Sabra and Shatila, the first resistance operation happened. It's called the Wimpy operation here on Hamra Street. There were three Israeli officers sitting at a café, and they wanted to pay with shekels, not the Lebanese

lira or dollar. And they were humiliating the waiter to give him shekels. And this regular 22-year-old Lebanese citizen saw this humiliation, just pulled the gun out of the side of one of the officers and fired at the three of them, killing one of them and maiming two of them.

And that triggered the resistance immediately. And within two weeks of the occupation of Beirut, the Israelis were withdrawing under fire, okay? And that, you know, pushed us and the Israelis back, back, back, back, until we got to the year 2000 when they left, and the anniversary was just a week ago of the liberation of Lebanon. So... we're in 2024, and the resistance has all these decades of experience and has innovations — technological, tactical, and strategic innovations — that are shaking the whole empire, right? Of course, the Israelis are not going to be able to occupy South Lebanon for a long period, and they are going to have to pack and leave, and Hezbollah is not going to allow them to have one minute of peace on Lebanese territory again.

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Just to mention, in addition to what's going on in the southern part of Lebanon with the Israelis, in the northern part of Israel, nothing has changed since the attack on Gaza. And we know they're not going to get there. They're so desperate, Leith, when you look at the Israeli media. I was watching one of them — you know, we have these Persian, Iranian Jews in Israel — he was reporting the situation is so desperate in Israel because of what's going on in the northern part of Israel. And the people are losing their jobs, their homes, and they have nowhere to go. This is tremendous pressure on Benjamin Netanyahu right now. And it doesn't seem — that's why somehow they're divided.

If you look at what's happening internally in Israel, those people who are supporting Benjamin Netanyahu and those who are against Benjamin Netanyahu — I don't know what their policies are — all of them want to destroy Gaza and the West Bank, and to capture all of the southern part of Lebanon, the southern part of Syria, Gaza, and the West Bank altogether. But the situation that Hezbollah has created in the northern part of Israel is putting tremendous pressure on the society and on the economy of the country, on the economy of Israel. This is the reality, and nothing is going to change anytime soon if they continue with these attacks in the southern part of Lebanon.

#Laith

Yeah, I've been watching those reports too. And, you know, just to show you how desperate they are. First off, those frontline villages on the border with Lebanon are all what we'd call security and military colonies. So only members of the armed forces and the security forces have the right to buy in those villages, and their families move in with them. So the minute they become a war zone, all their families are withdrawn to bases, actually, right? These are officers, and their families are taken to the barracks and so forth of bases that are further away, which is, of course, stressing now — it's been months of all of these families filling the bases and so forth, and then now becoming maybe targets in the barracks as Hezbollah attacks those spaces.

