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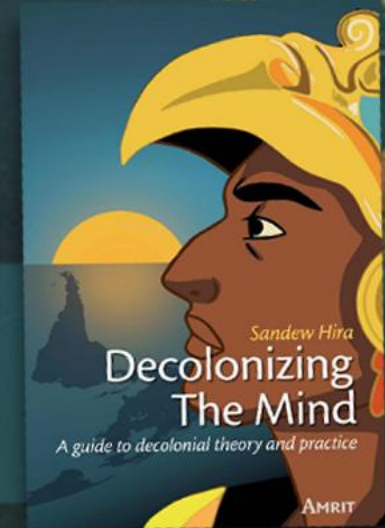
# World Affairs

A decolonial analysis of current world affairs

## Is Hezbollah opening up a new front in the war in Palestine?



Decolonizing The Mind,  
the final frontier of colonialism  
with Sandew Hira



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# Topics

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- ❑ Understanding the history of Hezbollah
- ❑ The relationship between Hezbollah and the resistance in Palestine
- ❑ An analysis of the speech of Secretary General Sayyed Hasan Nasrallah

# History of Hezbollah

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- ❑ 6 June 1982: Israel invades Lebanon to drive out PLO. Occupation lasted till 2000
- ❑ Foundation of Hezbollah with support of Iran in 1982. Drove Israel out of Lebanon.
- ❑ Hezbollah has seat in government, separate army, social service, media
- ❑ War with Israel 2006: Israel was defeated

# US think tank evaluation of 2006 war

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US Think Tank: Saban Institute for Middle East Policy report in 2011 report:  
*“With the support of Iran, Hizbullah has made further advances in its **signals intelligence (SIGINT)** and communications capabilities. Hizbullah is expected to use these upgraded weapons and SIGINT capabilities to play an **offensive role in a future conflict** with Israel, attempting to **seize the initiative**, rather than adopting the reactive and defensive posture of 2006. Among the **new battle plans** being prepared by Hizbullah are **land and seaborne insertions into Israel** to carry out commando-style raids. Given the range of the missiles in Hizbullah possession, the battlespace in the next war will likely be larger than the traditional theater of southern Lebanon and northern Israel, encompassing large portions of both countries.... **Israeli territory could become a front line for the first time since 1948.**” (DTM book, p. 510)*

# 2021 war: Hezbollah coordination

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Naim Qassem, the deputy secretary-general of Hizbullah, gave an interview after the May 21 ceasefire came into effect and explained the relationship between the resistance in Gaza and Lebanon: *“We were in **daily contact with the leaders of the resistance and the Palestinian jihadi fighters**. Our position was that we would assist the Palestinian resistance in every way that we can and that we will do what we must do at the appropriate time and in the way that we choose... Today the **Palestinians have a significant capability to produce weapons**. I can reassure you that the **smuggling of rockets into Palestine is continuing at full force**. There are **important Palestinian brains which are helping in the creation and establishment of the capabilities**. They have trained and been in contact with the axis of resistance. The support will not cease but will only increase.”* DTM book, p. 509

# Coordination of the resistance

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This resistance is coordinated by Sunni's and Shi'tes. Isma'il Haniya, head of the political bureau of Hamas declared in May 2020: *"Iran Has Never Hesitated To Support The Resistance And Assist It Financially, Militarily, And Technologically."* Haniya 's deputy Al-Arouri said in an interview in the same month: *"Iran Has Given Hamas And The Resistance Movements All The Support And Weapons They Need."* He revealed that during the 2008-2009 Israel-Gaza war, Iranian general Soleimani had been present in the Hamas **military operations room** in **Damascus**, and added that Soleimani's successor Esmail Ghaani was maintaining coordination and assistance to the Palestinian resistance. DTM book, p. 509

# Hezbollah prediction of new war

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In June 2017 Hizbullah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said: *“The Israeli enemy must know that if an Israeli war is launched against Syria or Lebanon, it is not known that the fighting will remain Lebanese-Israeli, or Syrian-Israeli... This doesn’t mean there are states that might intervene directly. But this could open the way for thousands, even **hundreds of thousands of fighters from all over the Arab and Islamic world** to participate - from Iraq, Yemen, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan.”*DTM book, p. 510

# My prediction of new war

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If in any of the coming rounds of fighting between Israel and the Palestinian resistance the Palestinians stand their ground and a prolonged war between Gaza and Israel ensues, then international forces will come into play for the final battle which will cease to be an air battle. **Ballistic missiles from Iran will enter the fray.** Rockets, drones and physical confrontations will enter the scene. **Airfields, the Iron Dome and the stockpiles of weapons, including the nuclear arsenal,** would be major targets of rocket attacks. In the West Bank, the 700,000 settlers will be attacked in **man-to-man fights** to reclaim the land that they have occupied. With mounting Israeli casualties the question will be: how will Israeli morale fare? Will Israel unite and will liberals and extreme right be willing to fight side by side or will there be disintegration with some wanting to fight using extreme measures and others wishing to flee the occupied land? Will Israel still exist in the coming decades? DTM book, p. 510



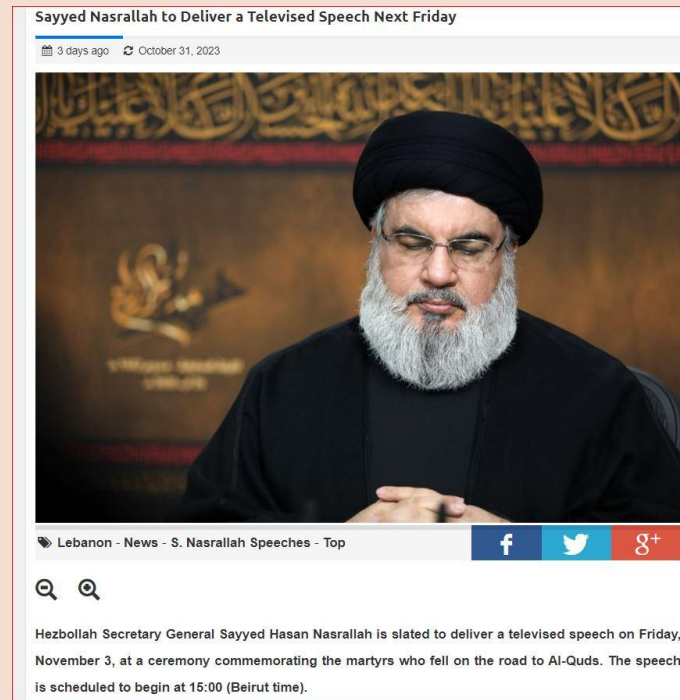
# The character of Palestinian resistance

October 7 was meticulously planned and executed by Palestinians, with complete secrecy even from resistance factions in Gaza. The operation's success hinged on the element of surprise, made possible by the tight-lipped approach of its orchestrators.

“The remarkable and auspicious **Al-Aqsa Flood Operation was entirely a product of Palestinian determination and execution**, meticulously concealed from all, including the Gaza-based resistance factions, by its orchestrators. The operation's unprecedented success was secured by the absolute secrecy surrounding it, which effectively leveraged the element of surprise.”

He noted that **this secrecy was well-received by all the resistance factions**, and it did not hinder any decisions made by these groups. In fact, it underscored the **authentic nature of the battle**. “**The concealment of the operation didn't raise any concerns within the resistance factions**. In fact, it garnered widespread praise and had no adverse effects on the decisions made by any group or resistance movement within the axis of resistance.”

## ***Speech of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah*** **3-11-2023**



# The northern front has already opened

- ❑ Since October 8: 57 martyred; many Israeli died
- ❑ A third of the Israeli army's logistical forces are currently directed at the Lebanese border
- ❑ 43 settlements in northern occupied Palestine were evacuated due to their operations.
- ❑ A significant portion of the Zionist forces deployed to the northern front comprises elite units, and nearly half of Israel's naval capabilities are positioned in the Mediterranean, facing Lebanon and Haifa. A quarter of the Israeli air force has been redirected toward Lebanon, and almost half of the missile defense systems are oriented towards the Lebanon front, this has led to the displacement of tens of thousands of settlers in the region.



# The problem of strategy of Israel/USA

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One of the pivotal errors that the Israelis have historically made, and continue to make, is establishing ambitious **objectives that prove unattainable**. In the 2006 war their aim was to **eradicate the resistance in Lebanon and secure the release of the two prisoners** without resorting to negotiation or exchange. However, over the course of 33 days, they failed to achieve these goals. Presently, the situation in Gaza mirrors this scenario, albeit with an escalation in terms of crimes and massacres.

16 July 2008: Hezbollah transferred the coffins of two captured Israeli soldiers in exchange for incarcerated Palestine Liberation Front militant Samir Kuntar, four Hezbollah militants captured by Israel during the war, and bodies of about 200 other Lebanese and Palestinian militants held by Israel.

# The US threat against Hezbollah

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- ❑ From the very beginning, we were **warned** that opening a front in the South would **lead to American airstrikes**, yet this threat has never swayed our determination or position. We have initiated actions on this front, and its escalation and evolution hinge on two fundamental factors: The first one depends on the unfolding events in Gaza, and second on the conduct of the Zionist enemy towards Lebanon.
- ❑ **Your fleets** in the Mediterranean do not and will **never instill fear** in us. I want to make it clear that the fleets you threaten us with, we have also made preparations to counter them.
- ❑ In the event of a regional conflict, **naval fleets and aerial warfare will prove futile and of no real benefit**. In the event of any regional war, it's important to acknowledge that your interests and soldiers will be the ones to suffer the most and endure the greatest losses.”

# The end game for Hezbollah

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## Total liberation from the river to the sea

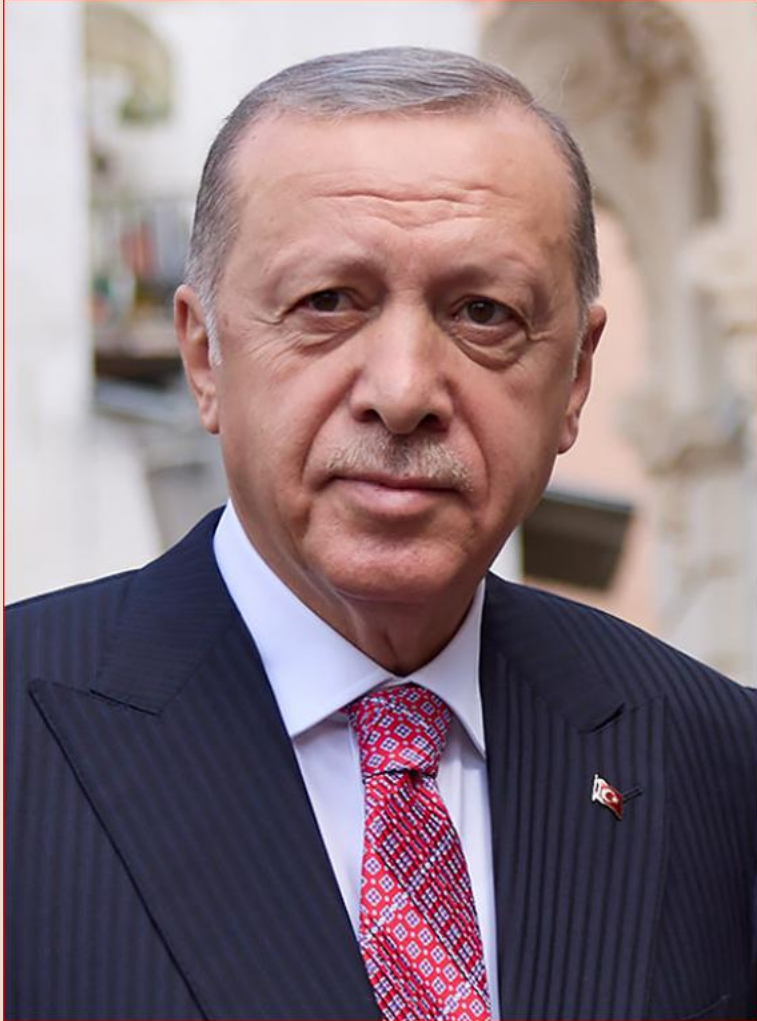


**Israel collapsed after Al-Aqsa Storm, will not survive own quagmire in Gaza: Hezbollah**

Hezbollah says Israel collapsed after the Palestinian resistance's Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupied territories on October 7.

"Be certain that your martyrs and our martyrs are the path to al-Quds...until the day of the total conquest," Hezbollah said, expressing confidence that the regional resistance efforts would lead to liberation of the holy city from Israeli occupation.

# Unity of Sunni and Shia: leading role for Turkiye



*President of the Republic of  
Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan*

# Next episode: the role of Turkiye

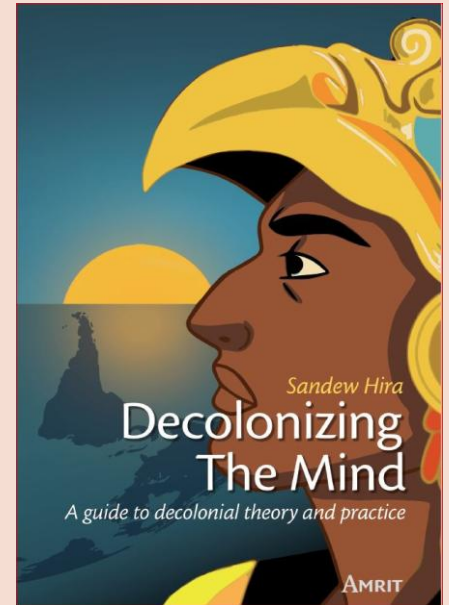
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- ❑ Understanding the history of Turkiye
- ❑ The relationship between Turkiye and the US
- ❑ The relationship between Turkiye and Iran

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# Source in the DTM book

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