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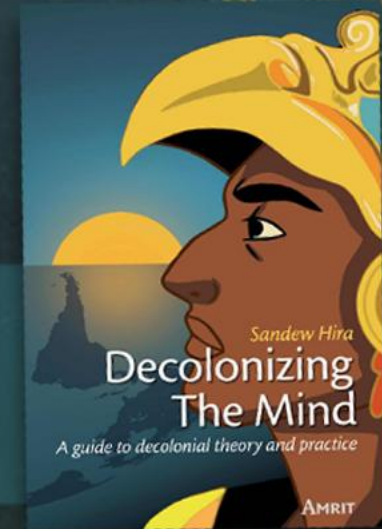
World Affairs

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The preparations for a regional war: Hezbollah



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Topics

- ❑ Joint gathering of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Arab League
- ❑ Second speech of Nasrallah
- ❑ Analysis interview with Sheikh Naim Qassem

Joint gathering OIC and the Arab League

- ❑ Over 70 years, 62 Arab summits have been convened, with 14 labeled as 'emergency' summits. No practical results
- ❑ Join condemnation Israel accepted.
- ❑ Discussed in preparations but not accepted:
 - ❑ banning the use of US military bases and other military bases in Arab countries to supply weapons and ammunition to the Israeli regime
 - ❑ suspending Arab countries' diplomatic, economic, security and military relations with the occupiers
 - ❑ threatening to use the oil and economic power of the Arab countries in the pressure to stop the aggression of the Israeli regime
 - ❑ prevent the flight of Israeli civilian aircraft into the airspace of the Arab countries
 - ❑ establish an Arab committee at the ministerial level to immediately travel to New York, Washington, Brussels, Geneva, London and Paris and request the leaders to stop the Zionists' aggression in Gaza

Second speech of Seyed Hassan Nasrallah

- ❑ Strategic goal of Israel: not just revenge, the strategic defeat of Hamas, Hezbollah and all the resistance: final subjugation of all its enemies
- ❑ War in northern front of Israel has reached a qualitative new stage: drones of Hezbollah into Haifa and Burkan missiles with 300-500 kg bombs
- ❑ Israeli defense minister Yoav Gallan: *“What we are doing in Gaza, we will be able to do in Beirut as well.”*
- ❑ The regional war is gradually expanding in the north of Israel

Analysis of an interview with Sheikh Naim Qassem

- ❑ Founding member of Hezbollah
- ❑ November 7 interview with Press TV
- ❑ How the resistance operate



The surprise attack of October 7

- ❑ It was a big surprise for Hezbollah.
- ❑ It tells you that Hamas and other groups are very professional and well trained
- ❑ Hezbollah was not bothered because they did not get previous notification. They understand the secret nature of the operation
- ❑ A victory of one group of the resistance is a victory for everybody
- ❑ It has long term strategic impact on the struggle for a free Palestine: Israel does not have an internal structure to rely on its own: without Western support it would collapse in days or weeks

The second phase

- ❑ The first phase is the attack of October 7
- ❑ The second phase is deterring the aggression against civilians in Gaza
- ❑ This requires joined operations
- ❑ Hezbollah attacks Israel in the north to alleviate the pressure on Palestine in the south
- ❑ If Israel does not stop the bombing, the war will escalate

A defensive approach

- ❑ Hezbollah will not escalate on its own
- ❑ Israel will escalate, so Hezbollah will operate initially from a defensive position: not spread the battle only for the sake of escalating
- ❑ Prevent destruction of Hamas (prevent Israel from achieving goals); after destroying Hamas, the next target will be Hezbollah

Communication with the enemy

- ❑ Directly USA/Israel and indirectly: Arab mediators
- ❑ Message: don't escalate
- ❑ Our response: instead of asking us not to intervene ask Israel and the US to stop. Our intervention is a reaction to their actions.

Capabilities of Hezbollah

- ❑ The capabilities which Hezbollah uses now is minimal
- ❑ After 2006 there has been a huge increase in capabilities
- ❑ Now battle in the north of Israel uses small capabilities
- ❑ A wide war will use greater capabilities: it can reach every place in Israel, it can hit the us aircraft carriers severely

The red line for escalation

- ❑ Understand the nature of Israeli aggression: it is expanding or just limited to revenge of October 7
- ❑ We can not declare in the media what are red lines are: based on intelligence and what the enemy is doing on the ground
- ❑ We follow up the situation step by step
- ❑ There may be other lines: orange, green lines that define our next step
- ❑ For now: prevent Israel for achieving its objective: destroying Hamas

How to deal with ideological differences

- ❑ In Syrian war: differences between Hezbollah and Hamas
- ❑ We differentiate between ideological thought, beliefs, convictions and the actual performance of the resistance.
- ❑ We don't enforce anyone to be similar to us in our ideology, beliefs and convictions.
- ❑ We don't judge others on whether they think like us or not.
- ❑ Any side has the freedom to believe as it wishes.
- ❑ Our common denominator is resistance: it means working together with Islamic groups, Christians, secular organizations and communists.

The ultimate goal: liberate Palestine

- ❑ Actions are not determined by ideological discussions but by practical cooperation in resistance.
- ❑ Through practical resistance we develop unity, not through ideological discussions.
- ❑ Coordination is not through centralization, but on what issues arises. Sometimes it is bilateral. There is not a formal alliance. It is about content, not formalities.

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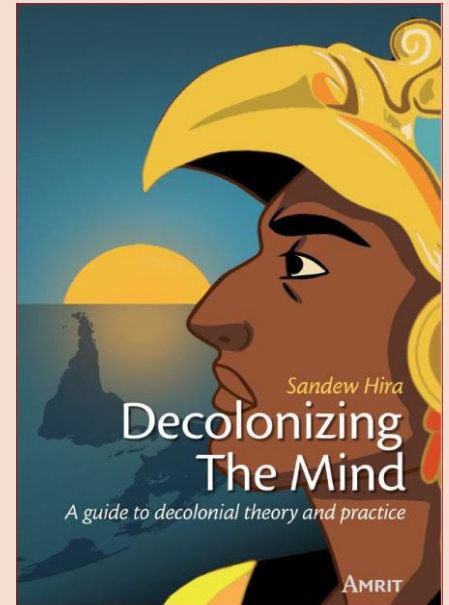
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