

Hezbollah stands against genocide: disarmament would be a disaster

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Beirut, Nov. 3, 2023 – Thousands of Hezbollah supporters rallied in the Lebanese capital in support of Palestine as the Zionist onslaught against Gaza intensified. Hezbollah has been a stalwart against U.S.-Israeli aggression in the region.

The U.S.-proxy Israel continues almost daily violations of the ceasefire in Lebanon. It is rare that a sun sets without Zionist forces carrying out a deadly air strike or artillery barrage against the Lebanese countryside.

Even so, the Lebanese government voted on Aug. 7 to approve the United States' proposal to disarm Hezbollah. The Shia Islamist political party and militia have been a steadfast ally of Iran and the people of Palestine since its founding in 1982. The events of Oct. 7 and the subsequent escalation against Gaza saw Hezbollah intervene militarily in support of a Palestine under siege.

Hezbollah has consistently done what the government of Lebanon has refused to do: stand in solidarity with Palestine and defend its people against U.S.-Zionist attack. Without Hezbollah, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) would likely have free rein over the entirety of Lebanon, making the country completely subservient to U.S. imperialist interests.

The disarmament of Hezbollah would benefit neither the people of Lebanon nor Palestine. It would only benefit the continued U.S. and Zionist campaign to break the Axis of Resistance and isolate Iran.

The ability of Hezbollah to defend itself is not simply a matter of military strategy, but one of self-determination. To this effect, Hezbollah PM Mohammad Raad posed the vital question: "To say surrender your weapons is to say surrender your honor. ... Who will guarantee sovereignty if the weapons are surrendered?"

The U.S. and its satellite, Israel, certainly won't guarantee Lebanese sovereignty. In fact, they will ensure the opposite. The U.S. wants Lebanon to be another Libya or

Syria - entirely open for the plunder of its economic and natural resources by a small parasitic group of Western billionaires.

All revolutionaries worldwide must stand in solidarity with Hezbollah as they defend Lebanon, and the entire Muslim world, against imperialist onslaught.

