

Syria connects Iran, resistance: Nasrallah

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Hezbollah's Secretary General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah has described Syria as a leading regional military power and a bridge linking Iran to the resistance front, insisting that Damascus now serves as a real threat to the US and the Israeli regime.

Referring to Syria as 'a genuine problem for the US and Israel due to its superior military might,' Hezbollah's secretary general said, "Syria is a linking bridge between Iran and the resistance and, in better words, the principal supporter of the resistance at a special military level."

"There is a US-Israeli project against Syria," he stated. "The US and Israel consider Syria as a problem, because Syria is a true supporter of the resistance."

Nasrallah's remarks came at a Wednesday night ceremony in the Lebanese capital of Beirut, commemorating the anniversary of the Islamic movement's victory in 2006 against an all-out military offensive by the Israeli regime on Lebanon with the announced objective of rooting out Hezbollah.

Hezbollah's leader blamed the West, headed by the United States, for blocking a national

dialogue in Syria as well as sponsoring terrorist activities within the country.

Pointing to the recently intensified US-engineered sanctions against the Iranian nation, the Lebanese leader further described Iran as “100 times stronger than 30 years ago” despite the implementation of numerous plots against the country by the US and the Israeli regime.

Saying that Iran enjoys “a great human capital as well as abundant material resources,” Nasrallah emphasized that imposing economic sanctions is all the US and its allies are capable of doing against the Islamic Republic.

He also said the Islamic Republic has announced its willingness to provide the Lebanese army with armaments free of charge or at their base cost, adding, “This friendly country wants our nation’s army to be strong and it remains to be seen who in Lebanon is capable of accepting such a gift from Iran.”

Nasrallah also used the occasion to express sympathy with the Syrian nation and government over the recent terrorist bombing of a government building in Damascus that killed a number of senior Syrian officials, including Defense Minister Dawoud Rajiha, Deputy Defense Minister Assef Shawkat, and Assistant Vice President Hassan Turkmani.

He said that Syria provided most of the arms and missiles that Hezbollah used against the Israeli aggressors in the 33-day War on Lebanon in 2006, insisting that the reason there is a major US-led effort to destabilize and eventually bring down the Syrian government is that Damascus has firmly stood by its commitment to support the Lebanese and Palestinian resistance against the Israeli regime, which the US tries to establish as the “gendarme of the region.”

Nasrallah further called on Palestinians not to be deceived by the despotic Arab regimes and said, “I want to sincerely tell the Palestinian nation and various groups that if the issue of Palestine falls into the trap of regional Arab establishments, the name of Palestine will be wiped off the region forever.”

He also voiced support for the Lebanese army and highlighted the need for national unity within Lebanon as the key to counter the US-Israeli strategy of fomenting sectarian disputes in the country and the region.

“The July [2006] was an Israeli trick,” Nasrallah pointed out, noting that if Hezbollah had been defeated, the Tel Aviv regime would have expanded the war to Syria.

“The second stage of the Israeli attack was aimed at bringing down President Bashar al-Assad’s government,” he added, noting that Hezbollah’s victory in Lebanon thwarted this objective and prevented Syria from falling under the US-Israeli scheme.

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