

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah speech during the funeral procession of the great martyred Jihadi leader Fouad Ali Shokor (Sayyed Mohsen) - Thursday August 1st, 2024

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I must first address the grand martyrdom and dangerous assassination of the head of Hamas' political bureau, the dear brother Ismail Haniyeh and the brother who was responsible for his protection, Wissam Abu Shaaban – I must address them in your name, in the name of our Resistance, and the families of our martyrs; to our brothers in Hamas, especially in Al-Qassam Brigades; to the brothers in all Palestinian Resistance factions; to the dear, patient, oppressed, and sacrificing Palestinian people; to our Arab and Muslim people; and to every free person who considers themselves a part of this battle in defense of the oppressed, the tortured, our sanctities, the battle against the oppressors, tyrants, murderers, and the racists. I address them all and especially the honorable, sacrificing family of Haj Ismail Haniyeh, that offered tens of its men, women, and children as martyrs, and offer condolences and congratulations. We know how it feels to lose a leader; what it's like to have a leader martyred. **We are partners in our pain, anger, battle, creating victories, bearing responsibility, and partners in pride of the martyrdom of the leaders of the Resistance, who are martyred just as its fighters and people. When we are also partners in martyrdom, we will create the inevitable victory, by God's will.**

The enemy's main goal was to assassinate the great Jihadi leader, Sayyed Mohsen. They targeted a civilian building full of residents in Haret Hreik in the southern suburb of Beirut, which led to the martyrdom of 7 civilians; 3 women, martyr Hajjeh Hanaa Al-Hakim and her daughter martyr Dr. Salwa Bitar, and martyr Hajjeh Wasila Baydoun; 2 young children, martyr (Sayyida) Amira Fadlallah (6 years old) and martyr (Sayyed) Hassan Fadlallah (13 years old); a martyr of our Iranian brethren, martyr Milad Bayadi; and the martyred leader Sayyed Fouad Shokor, as well as dozens of wounded, most of whom were women and children, many of which are still in the hospitals in difficult conditions. This is what happened. I must address the resilient families of the martyrs and send them my condolences and congratulations, the families

from whom we heard nothing but words of contentment and pride in their martyrs, and persistence to continue on this path, both the families of the martyred civilians and the family of our martyred leader.

We are in pain. Who said we do not feel pain? We remain patient and face our calamities with patience and reliance of Allah (SWT) and submission to His Will because we are people who believe in Allah and the Day of Judgement. However, this does not mean we do not feel pain. You would notice how in Imam Khamenei's statement on the martyrdom of leader Ismail Haniyeh, his words expressed how this martyrdom pained us and bereaved the Resistance Axis. We consider Imam Husayn (AS) to be the greatest martyr, yet we weep for him, and we will weep and grieve him till our last days.

The enemy put their own label on their aggression on Dahyeh – **what happened in Dahyeh was an act of aggression, not only an assassination.**

This was first an aggression on the suburb of the capital. Second, civilian buildings were targeted, not military sites or outposts. Third, civilians, women and children, were murdered. Fourth, a great leader of the Resistance was targeted. However, the enemy labeled this aggression as a “reaction,” which was being promoted as a response the days preceding the attack. Many nations got involved, many of whom are hypocritical nations, and conveyed to us that a “response” was coming, that we must be understanding, and that the enemy has the right to make this “reaction.” We reject this assessment and description. This is an aggression that is part of the ongoing battle since the establishment of this entity, since the very first massacres committed by this enemy in 1947 and 1948 in Palestine and South Lebanon, in Hula and other parts of the South. This is part of the Israeli-Zionist-American war on Palestine, Lebanon, Syria; on our region and its people. Using an incident such as the one in Majdal Shams as a pretext for its crimes is hypocrisy. The enemy used the Majdal Shams incident as a pretext for their false accusation against our great martyred leader, labeling him as the murderer of the children of Majdal Shams. This is the utmost level of forgery and deception that has recently occurred.

In the Majdal Shams incident, a missile fell on the town, and we categorically denied our responsibility in this incident. We have the courage to bear the

responsibility of bombing an area, even if it was an accident. **If we were the ones responsible for this incident, we would have admitted it and apologized as we had done multiple times before.** However, our very precise and accurate investigations, which we spent hours conducting, concluded that we were not the ones responsible for the incident in Majdal Shams. Yet, the enemy rushed to point fingers, and appointed themselves as judges and executioners without offering any evidence. Of course, the Americans, the West, and some vicious Arab media outlets adopted this narrative and promoted it. The enemy's accusations against us are intentional, especially because the only other option offered by strategic experts who relied on tangible evidence was that the Majdal Shams incident was the result of an air defense missile falling on the town. “israel” cannot accept this reality even though we have evidence of air defense missiles that fell on Haifa, Akka (“Acre”), and other areas which resulted in injuring “israeli” settlers and burning “israel” markets. These incidents were not denied by the enemy, but the incident happening in the Golan, and the victims being children and Druze, made them rush to accuse the Resistance.

It is my duty today to assure that this accusation is unjust, rejected, unacceptable, targeted, and misleading. This accusation was not needed for the purpose of seeking coverage for their murder of Sayyed Mohsen or attacking Dahyeh; the enemy does not need an excuse, pretext, or evidence, but they benefited from this accusation.

This accusation aims to acquit the enemy’s army, as it happened to be that there were major confrontations at the border and a very large number of air defense missiles was fired. Second, **the aim of this accusation is to cause strife between the people of the Golan and the people who belong to the Druze sect, and the Resistance and especially the Shia sect. The “israeli” enemy, and those behind them, can see the results of Al-Aqsa Flood and how it has succeeded and contributed to overcoming much of the sectarian strife that was being fed across the past decade.** This was accomplished especially through the honorable stances taken by the leaders of the Resistance, and the “israelis” cannot accept this. Therefore, they are always working on awakening these disputes, especially now during Al-Aqsa Flood. However, by God’s Grace, and thanks to the wisdom and firm stances

taken by a group of political and religious leadership figures of the honorable Druze sect in Lebanon and Syria, and even in the occupied Syrian Golan; through the statements and stances that were taken even by the people of the occupied Golan when they kicked out the “israeli” murderers; these stances ensured stifling the discord and preventing the enemy's narrative and accusation of the Resistance from spreading. For that, it is my duty to thank the political and religious leaderships of this sect, and in your name and mine, **to offer our condolences to the families of the martyrs in the Golan.** We pray to God Almighty to aid their families with patience and bestow His mercy on the souls of the martyrs.

In reality, the aggression against Dahyeh is not a response to Majdal Shams as the enemy had claimed. As I said, it is part of the war first and foremost. Second, it is to make us pay the price for our Lebanese support front. Netanyahu stated this, as he must use the crime of murdering a leader like Haj Fouad for his benefit to the fullest extent; it would not suffice for him to say it was a retaliation for Majdal Shams. He needed to present his accomplishments before those who are accusing him of failure. It is true, we are paying the price of our support front for Gaza. We are paying the price of supporting Gaza and the Palestinian people, and for adopting the Palestinian cause and defending the sanctities. This is not the first time we pay such a price; in this battle, we have offered hundreds of martyrs of fighters and civilians, and even leaders. **We stated that we have accepted paying this price. Today, Haj Fouad and the civilians who were martyred with him in Haret Hreik are a price we accept to pay because we entered this battle based on the firm belief of the righteousness, legitimacy, and nobility of this cause.** All of us, not only the fighters on the frontlines, adopted this belief entering this battle. All of us, young and old, leader and fighter, our families and people, all the people and factions of the Resistance; Hezbollah, the Amal Movement, SSNP, the Islamic Group, and all the other parties carried our blood on our palms when we took on this path together. **Just as I had said when Haj Imad was martyred: this is the state of us all, we carry our blood in our hands, and our shrouds on our shoulders.** Therefore, we were not and will never be shocked for any prices we will have to pay, for this battle is worth these heavy prices.

Some people, even 10 months later, have still not been able to grasp the truth of this battle, its prospects, dangers, outcomes, and strategic and historic repercussions that will affect the entity, or Palestine, Lebanon, and the countries of the region, depending on whether it ends with victory or defeat. Some people still do not understand the importance of this battle, when **we are witnessing a major battle**, in reality. Today, there is an open battle in Gaza, South Lebanon, Yemen, and even in Iraq. Hodeidah in Yemen was bombed, Jurf Sakhr in Iraq was attacked, then leader Ismail Haniyeh was murdered in Tehran, and then leader Fouad Shokor is killed in Beirut's Southern Suburb. **These are no longer merely acting as support fronts; this is an open battle with the enemy that has entered a new phase.**

Undoubtedly, the attack on Hodeidah that came after Ansarullah's qualitative, heroic operation in "Tel Aviv" through the "Yaffa" drone, followed by the assassination of leader Ismail Haniyeh prove that the Zionists are fools. They are truly blind. This is the arrogance which the holy Quran speaks about; the arrogance that blinds one's eyes. **Do they think they can kill leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and receive no response from Iran?** Notice the tone of Imam Khamenei's statement this time; it was stricter and firmer than the tone of his statement after the attack on the Iranian Consulate in Damascus which led to the martyrdom of the leader Haj Zahedi. The Islamic Republic, through Imam Khamenei's speech and statement, the president, the leadership of the IRGC, the ministry of foreign affairs, and all Iranian authorities, has made it clear that Iran considers this an attack not only on its sovereignty. The attack on the Consulate was an attack on Iranian sovereignty as it is considered to be Iranian territory. However, when talking about the assassination of martyr Haniyeh, they mention that this is first an attack on their sovereignty, and second on their national security, third on their dignity, and fourth -which the "israelis" need to understand- **it is an attack on Iran's honor**. You know very well what honor means to us, even if the West does not, but let them understand. An attack on their sovereignty, security, or dignity would have different repercussions. This time, Iran is saying, "You have offended our honor; the martyred leader Haniyeh was our guest, and you have killed our guest!" The repercussions of such an act in the East, and especially in the Muslim world, are different.

This “Israeli” mentality, and its settler society that rejoiced for some time – of course, they are celebrating that they murdered Sayyed Mohsen in Dahyeh and leader Haniyeh in Tehran within hours, and their attack on Hodeidah in Yemen. They are now euphoric. **I tell them: rejoice and laugh for some time for you will weep a lot, as you are not aware of the red lines you have crossed, and what type of aggression you have committed, and to which extents you have taken yourselves.** Friend and foe must know that **we have entered a new phase of the battle that differs from the preceding one.**

Escalation of this battle depends on the enemy's conduct and their reactions. Today, they are the one who must wait; they must await the rage and revenge of the honorable people of this nation for all this blood that has been shed.

I will talk about our stance in the end, but before that, I must assure that we hinder the goals of every assassination from being achieved. In the end, the martyr attained what he wished for, and we hinder the achievement of the enemy's goals. The goal of the assassination of any leader, whether they are a military, security, political, Jihadi, intellectual, etc. leader, is to inflict harm upon the group to which this leader belongs; to break their spirits, hinder their momentum, and shatter their determination and resolve. The goal is to scare this group; pressure it to retreat, to stop, to weaken, to surrender, to capitulate. This is the reason behind murdering our leaders and the leaders of the Resistance groups. **Even within the entity, many people told Netanyahu, “You may be happy now, but if you think this will stop the Resistance; it will not. If you think it will weaken the Resistance, our past experiences prove otherwise, and we will pay the price.”** What I intend to point out here is that even some Zionist observers, analysts, and commentators understand this reality. For example, Hamas' founding leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassine was martyred, along with many other great leaders; martyr al-Rantisi, as well as other martyrs and leadership figures like martyr Yehya Ayyash, etc. Now, the enemy places its bets on murdering the great Jihadi leader al-Deif, may Allah protect and preserve him, to present another accomplishment. What has Hamas' progress line looked like? It has always been an ascending line, growing, gaining strength, intensifying more, and becoming more present. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)'s founding leader and first secretary general Fathi al-Shaqaqi was also murdered. What has the

PIJ's progress line looked like? It has always been an ascending line. They also killed our Hezbollah leaders and secretary general. They killed our great Jihadi leader Haj Imad Moughnieh, and they killed, and killed, and killed. What has our progress line looked like? It is an ascending line. Therefore, **past experiences prove that these goals [of the enemy] will not be achieved.** Why? Because the targeted group is one that believes in Allah, the Day of Judgement, its cause, its path, and its message, and is ready to sacrifice its most precious and dearest. This group follows a grand cultural, historical, and spiritual ideology and heritage, which provides it with an immense spiritual and sentimental power, and a large capacity for withstanding difficulties, calamities, sacrifices, and pain. Otherwise, how can one explain the patience of the families of the martyrs? What else would explain the legendary resilience of the people of Gaza and South Lebanon? Of the people of our region across the past 76 years? This is the explanation. Like I said, yes, the martyrdom of Sayyed Fouad pained us. However, this will not harm our morale, momentum, decisiveness, persistence, nor our will to continue on this path. **On the contrary, as we have repeatedly said with the martyred leaders before, this will increase our determination, volition, and resolve, and push us to keep moving forward.** It will not change anything at all. Conversely, this reassures us more of the righteousness of our choice and the decision that we made.

Many people did not know Sayyed [Mohsen] or know his face, just as with many Jihadi martyrs who are only known after their martyrdom. Haj Mohsen, Sayyed Mohsen, Sayyed Fouad used to come to this complex where you are gathered now and to the Ashura Courtyard; he joined you all, and participated with the people, with his chants, emotions, and stances. And today, as we gather and speak by his coffin, he used to stand here with you, raise his hand with you when we would tell Husayn (AS) on the night of the 10th [of Muharram], "O' Aba Abdillah, if we knew that we were to be killed, burned, and our ashes scattered with the wind, then be resurrected, only for that to be done to us a thousand times more, we would not abandon you, O' Husayn!" Sayyed Fouad would be here with you, his voice echoing, "I would not abandon you, O' Husayn!" We tell Sayyed Fouad, as he lays here before us, shrouded: you were true to the slogan, chant, and pledge; you fulfilled the

responsibility entrusted to you, and you have reached Husayn (AS). We will continue this path with you, that, we promise.

The enemy also thinks that these assassinations affect the structure of the Resistance. Thanks be to Allah, we have leaders, and we even have generations of leaders. The brothers and I, since we grew up together, still feel young. However, many of our leaders are in their 50s and 60s. Sayyed Mohsen started fighting the enemy when he was only 20 or 21 years old. Those are our leaders. **I want to reassure the people of the Resistance specifically that we rush to immediately fill the position of a martyred leader.** With whom? With Jihadi leaders, the students of these [martyred] leaders, with the students of Haj Imad Moughnieh, Sayyed Fouad Shokor, Sayyed Moustafa Badreddine, and all these brothers. We have an outstanding generation of Jihadi leaders that can take on the responsibilities to be fulfilled, regardless of the sacrifices that would be made. Therefore, this goal of the enemy will not be achieved.

Sayyed Mohsen is the one who achieved the goal he always wished for; there is no doubt that he was a lover of martyrdom. Across the past 10 months, since the beginning of Al-Aqsa Flood, he and I communicated daily, by the hour, as he was the one daily managing the operations with the leadership brothers in the South. We would also meet, sit together, and hold prolonged discussions occasionally. When the martyred commanders were martyred, he was very emotional and was deeply affected because he loved them. In one meeting -notice, this is the man who is known to be firm and courageous; Sayyed Fouad was known for his firmness, resilience, strength, toughness, and courage. He was unshakable. However, when we would talk about the martyrs and about martyrdom, he would cry. Do not be astonished. Yes, our brothers cry. Regardless of how brave and firm they may be, they cry. Why would he cry? He would tell me, "Sayyed, is it possible? I have to stay here and manage from here?" He always asked permission to carry out a self-sacrificing operation. Most of the self-sacrificing martyrs whose photos you see in the Resistance's operations were raised by him. They are his students and friends. They were young men whom he gathered, sat with, and taught in the mosques. He always longed for them and spoke about them. "Is it possible that I will just die in my bed in the end? To just die due to a stroke or

something? How is that possible?” These were his spirits. Therefore, today, when someone asks about the morale of the people who were around a martyr, the answer is that we envy him for this martyrdom. This truly was his wish and his personal goal. It is the goal and purpose of every honorable Mujahid, who looks forward to what is with Allah and trusts Allah’s Promise. Perhaps, it is time for him to join his brothers of the founding group [of the Resistance]. I saw the photos shared. One of them shows the Sayyed standing in the middle, on his right stood Sayyed Moustafa (Thulfiqar), and to his left stood Haj Imad. These are the 3 brothers. They were together since the first days. Some of the brothers who were also with them are still alive, may Allah protect them.

Time will not suffice to narrate the long history of Sayyed Fouad; if we were to speak about him, it would require hours. Anyhow, we will organize future ceremonies to honor him and will speak about him in more detail. For now, the summary that was shared will suffice: Sayyed Fouad is from the founding generation, the first fighters. He fought in Khaldeh and Ouzai with the first groups that fought. He is one of the first founders of the formations of the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon. He managed a number of qualitative operations in the South. Until his martyrdom, he was always part of the leadership of the Resistance. He played a role in managing, planning, executing, and developing capabilities. One of the most important capabilities the Resistance possesses today was developed by Sayyed Fouad in cooperation with martyred leader Haj Imad and after Haj Imad’s martyrdom. The world must know that Sayyed Fouad has a notable history of assuming responsibilities. He had no problem no matter what it was. For example, the first time Hezbollah had a central military commander, it was Sayyed Fouad. He then assumed other responsibilities. Wherever he was asked to be, he was would be; he had no reservations whatsoever. For example, he was the central military commander, then had to leave this role. You may remember when we spoke about some of the martyrs such as martyr Abu Taleb; we mentioned that he was one of the brothers that had gone to Bosnia and spent a couple of years there. Today, we reveal that the leader of the Hezbollah group that went to Bosnia, part of whom was martyr Abu Taleb and martyr Alaa who we call “Alaa al-Bosna” (Alaa of Bosnia) – the leader, manager, and the one in charge

of this team was Sayyed Fouad, Sayyed Mohsen. He was there with them and spent a long time with them in Bosnia. He left Lebanon and went there to support the oppressed who were threatened with slaughtering and horrifying massacres in Bosnia. He later returned and assumed all his responsibilities.

As I had told you before, it is difficult to speak about his accomplishments. On one end, you'd want to serve justice to this leader, this Mujahid, and share his accomplishments to make them known, and on the other hand, you cannot reveal all these accomplishments as we are still in the midst of the battle, as the enemy might benefit from this information, whether for intel or even morally. We will talk more about Sayyed Mohsen later.

On to our main topic, our stance: Now what? First, I said that we had entered a new phase. Pressuring all fronts to force the Palestinian Resistance to surrender...they will not surrender. This is the stance that was made clear by the leaders of Hamas after the martyrdom of leader Haniyeh. Netanyahu's goal is for Hamas to hand over the prisoners and their weapons, and to tell him to do as he pleases in Gaza, to plan for the day after, and that they had surrendered. This is not even an option; surrender in Gaza, Lebanon, and Yemen is absolutely not an option. All pressure that will be applied on Iran and the other support fronts under the title of "being rational" – where was this international community when the massacres did not stop for even a day? They talk about murdering children? The greatest scene of hypocrisy, deception, arrogance, and hegemony the world has seen is that of Netanyahu delivering a speech before Congress and the Americans applauding him. Is there any greater forgery and deception than this? All this pressure will not help. If anyone in the world truly cares to avoid matters escalating further in our region and heading for what is worse and greater, then they must seriously pressure and require "israel" to end its aggression on Gaza. There is nothing else to be said. No matter who you kill, or what you destroy and how much you destroy, or declared war here and there, or went to all extremes, or crossed all red lines, regardless of what we are doing, there will be no solution except for ending the aggression on Gaza. This is first. Second, we must differentiate between 2 matters here. Yesterday and today, I asked the brothers in the South to keep the front calm until we take in the situation, and as we had to prepare for the funeral of a martyr and carefully study our stance. That is why

there was a relative calmness these past 2 days, apart from some breaches. We must differentiate between 2 things: returning to our usual work on the Lebanese support front, which will resume starting tomorrow morning God-willing. The situation will return to how it was before the martyrdom of Sayyed Fouad; we have prepared for this with no issues whatsoever and we will resume our supportive work which is not related to our response to the assassination of Sayyed Fouad. When you hear of our targeting of sites, tanks, and vehicles, and that we killed soldiers...this is not related to the response for Sayyed Fouad, neither is it even within the framework of this response, and neither is it even an initial response for assassinating Sayyed Fouad. This is simply a continuation of the ongoing battle, which the martyrdom of Sayyed Fouad was one of its heavy prices. This must be known and clear. The second matter is the retaliation to this crime; the crime which was an attack on Dahyeh, murdering civilians of women and children, and the killing and assassination of the great Jihadi leader Sayyed Fouad Shokor. Everyone in the world who is calling us and arguing with us knows very well that the Resistance cannot but respond. This is settled. It is non-negotiable. All ongoing discussions are trying to tell us to be weary to ensure our response is tolerable and acceptable and I don't know what. They are attempting to undermine the aggression and the reality of this aggression against us, against Lebanon, Dahyeh, the people, and the Resistance.

Today, I do not want to engage in speeches and rhetoric. I will suffice with just one statement: **the enemy and those behind them must await our certain, inevitable response, Inshallah!** The enemy and those behind them must await our certain, inevitable response, Inshallah! This matter is non-negotiable and not open for discussion. And **between you and us lie the days, nights, and the battlefield!** Today, since the assassination of Sayyed Mohsen, and now after the assassination of leader Haj Haniyeh, the entity is its highest levels of alert. Their air force is on the highest levels of alert, as well as the army. They also mobilized reservists and prohibited leaves. They evacuated "Ramat David" which the Hoopoe had revealed footage of. They are also evacuating in Haifa, Akka ("Acre"), and other areas, and opened the shelters. They started a fight with everyone, and now they don't know where the response will come from, from North Palestine, East Palestine, or South

Palestine. Will this response be dispersed or simultaneous? “israel” does not know where it is headed.

Anyhow, I tell the brothers and sisters and the people of the Resistance, since now of course some vile, insignificant people, who just sit there to mock round the clock, will work on crushing spirits, I invite you all to ignore those, push them to the side and pay no mind to them as they are not even human for them to be treated as such. Al-Aqsa Flood exposed some people for their truth of not even being human; they are of a different breed, morally and psychologically.

The Resistance Axis recently has fought with anger and logic. It fights with anger and wisdom, bravery, courage, and possesses [the needed] capabilities. This is something we should preserve. Therefore, we are the ones who progress and decide. We do not say, “We reserve our right to respond in the right time and place.” No, not at all. We will respond! This is definitive. And they shall wait for the days, nights, and the battlefield. To us, like we always said, the battlefield will be decisive in this matter. The battlefield knows its conditions and opportunities, and we seek a real response, not a superficial one, as some try to read into everything. **No, we seek a real response and real opportunities, and a very well-thought-out response.** I will suffice with this.

By God’s will, you and us will continue on the path of this dear leader. We will continue on the path of all the martyred leaders. Their blood increases our responsibility, makes the burden heavier, and makes the duty entrusted to us greater. Isn’t it?

To the enemy, as we are still in Muharram, and Zainab and her sisters are in captivity, taken from one country to another to stand before Yazid, the murderer of Husayn (AS), to tell him what we tell the Zionists today. If through killing the leaders, terrorizing the people, and killing men, women, and children you aim to bring us down, erase our memory, and end our struggle, then you are mistaken. We tell our enemy what our Sayyeda Zainab (AS) said: Plot your stratagem, exert all your effort, and expend all your strength – **do as you please Netanyahu, you and the Americans that have your back, whether Biden, Harris, or Trump, whoever; the Americans are all the same**

– plot your stratagem, exert all your effort, and expend all your strength, for, by Allah, you will not erase our memory, nor will you destroy our revelation, nor will you reach the height of our status, and your shame cannot be cleansed; your opinion is nothing but folly -are these your plots?-, your days nothing but numbered, and the gathering around you nothing but perishable! This crowded gathering will be dispersed by Allah and the men of Allah in all arenas, Inshallah!

To our martyr, we will not say goodbye, but see you soon. See you soon, after the victory of blood against the sword. See you soon in martyrdom. See you soon near the beloved ones. May Allah's peace and blessings be upon you all.