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In the Name of the Most High

Viewpoint

## With Whom is the Initiative?

By: Kayhan International

*The events in Levant, where usurper Israel caught unaware by Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and unable to conquer the small Gaza Strip despite a year of razing its towns and massacring over forty thousand people, appears to outwit and outgun the far superior Hezbollah in Lebanon, makes analysts in the West call it "loss of initiative" by the Axis of Resistance.*

*Does it mean the constant flow of the most lethal US weapons and hundreds of billions of dollars in cash, along with CENTCOM generals in the war control room in Tel Aviv has enabled the Zionist entity to seize the initiative to unleash a holocaust on southern Lebanon and 'decapitate' Hezbollah by targeting its famed anti-terrorist leader?*

*This is what the devilish duo of Israeli and American terrorists like to think following the martyrdom of Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah and threats to attack the Islamic Republic of Iran, coupled with a self-delusional propaganda tirade calling on Iranian people to make common cause with the Zionist criminals against their own government.*

*Let us first examine what the loss or seizure of initiative means, and secondly with whom is the initiative in the current confrontation between the Axis of Resistance and the occupiers of Palestine.*

*'Initiative' is a term in military parlance to describe the notion to force the enemy to react instead of the other way around. In other words, 'having the initiative' in war means making the first move or the ability to launch a surprise attack to force the opponent to only react without any strategic moves of its own.*

*This means Israel's 'pager terrorism', its indiscriminate slaughtering of a thousand Lebanese men, women, and children in a single day, and the suffocation to death of the Secretary-General of the legendry anti-terrorist movement during a random attack on a building with a bunker-buster, neither gives any initiative to the Zionist entity, nor it makes the Axis of Resistance lose any,*

*It is worth recalling that a decade ago when General Qassem Soleimani entered Syria following the US-Zionist-Arab reactionary bid to disintegrate that country, he took the initiative away from the terrorists. He numbed their capabilities, and made them merely to react to his moves, thus enabling him to make a thrust towards Qweres airbase. When the terrorists tried to move other units in the way, he pressed forward with the initiative to expand the operations in those areas completely routing the enemy.*

*Qassem Soleimani thus deprived the enemy of any ability and gave the initiative to the Syrian Army, which seized the opportunity to attack the confused enemy.*

*The Zionist entity has done nothing of this sort. It is in a confused state itself, and its savage pounding of Lebanon is nothing but a desperate move to avert its own fast approaching end.*

*In short, the initiative is solely with the Axis of Resistance. This was fully evident today with Lebanon's Hezbollah and Yemen's Ansarallah targeting Tel Aviv with a barrage of missiles, followed by late night's shower of vengeance by Iran to shake the Zionist entity to its very foundations, with a stern warning that any foolish move by the enemy will make Israel face the dooms day scenario.*

# IRGC Vows Support for Gaza, Lebanon



Hezbollah's martyred leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah on posters carried by movement supporters in south Lebanon on Monday.

TEHRAN – Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hossein Salami reaffirmed Iran's unwavering support for the people of Gaza and Lebanon in the struggle against the Zionist regime.

The IRGC commander on Tuesday visited a number of people who have been hospitalized in Iran's northeastern city of Mashhad after sustaining injuries in the recent Israeli strikes on Lebanon.

During the visit, Major General Salami underlined that Islamic Iran will stand by the oppressed nations of Gaza and Lebanon.

He also lauded the high morale of the injured Lebanese individuals.

Almighty God always assists the sincere combatants of Hezbollah, the IRGC chief stated.

He noted that God's will has ordained that victory belongs to the front of Islam, expressing hope that the free nations of the world will

celebrate triumph in the not-too-distant future.

The injured Lebanese also praised Iran for its hospitality, expressing gratitude to the Iranian health personnel for providing treatment and supporting Hezbollah forces in difficulties.

Meanwhile, Defense Ministry Spokesman Brigadier General Reza Talainik said that Israeli assassination of Secretary General of Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah will make the Resistance Front stronger.

The criminal Zionist regime should know that martyrdom of former secretary general of Hezbollah Resistance Movement will make the Resistance Front stronger and also make their determination to destroy the child-killing Zionist regime stronger than ever.

Speaking in a local ceremony held in Robat Karim in the suburb

of Tehran, the Strategic Planning deputy Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics Support went on to say that the culture of jihad and martyrdom has currently been institutionalized in the country and this valuable culture set up School of former IRGC Quds Force Commander Lt. General Martyr Qassem Soleimani which is inspiration of the Resistance Front.

The combatants during the eight years of the Sacred Defense created the security in the country and safeguarded the independence, Talainik emphasized.

The combatants and esteemed martyrs of the Islamic Revolution during the eight years of the Sacred Defense (Iraqi imposed war against Iran in 1980-1988) managed to turn the imposed war into a Sacred Defense and defeat the enemy, the spokesman of the Ministry of Defense added.

## Iran Urges Int'l Community to Stop Zionist Genocide

TEHRAN – Iran's First Vice President Mohammadreza Aref called on the international community to react to the heinous crimes committed by the Zionist regime against the innocent people of Lebanon and Palestine.

Speaking in the 3rd Forum of Prime Ministers of the Eurasian Economic Union in Yerevan on Tuesday, he pointed out that continuation of the Zionist regime's crimes against Lebanon and Gaza is unacceptable, and the international community must react to it as soon as possible.

The continuation of the Zionist regime's crimes against innocent and defenseless people and the brutal massacre of women and children in Lebanon and Gaza is strongly condemned

by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it is necessary for the international community to react to it as soon as possible, he continued.

Aref emphasized that Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to play a more active role in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) given its internal capacities.

With the finalization of Iran's observer membership request in the current meeting, the political and economic ties between Iran and member states of the Union will be further strengthened, Iran's first vice president highlighted.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has always shown that, as a reliable partner in the region, it seeks to strengthen

and expand political and especially economic relations at bilateral and multilateral levels, he noted.

The business dialogue event between Iran and the Eurasian Economic Union in Yerevan included round tables with topics such as the development of commercial, economic and industrial cooperation.

Iran and EAEU reached a preferential trade agreement in 2018, based on which about 862 commodity items are currently subject to preferential tariffs. The agreement came into effect on October 27, 2019.

In December last year, the two sides also signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) during the EAEU Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

## Nasrallah Transformed Resistance Into 'Global Security-Making Phenomenon'

TEHRAN – The Secretary of Iran's Strategic Council on Foreign Relations says Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah expanded the concept of Resistance beyond Gaza and Lebanon.

"Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah elevated the Resistance to the global stage. He did not allow it to remain confined to Gaza and Lebanon, instead transforming it into a security-making phenomenon worldwide," Ali Bagheri Kani said during a Tuesday meeting at Hezbollah's office in Tehran.

"Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was not only a religious scholar and a courageous battlefield commander but also a skilled political

player."

The meeting, attended by several Iranian officials, was held to extend condolences over the martyrdom of Nasrallah, who was assassinated in Israel's psychopathic bombardment of southern Beirut on September 27. The Israeli strikes involved 85 US-made bunker busters.

"Nasrallah fostered friendship and brotherhood among various movements in Lebanon. Under his leadership, the Lebanese resistance evolved into an outstanding and blessed phenomenon," Bagheri Kani said.

The former Iranian interim foreign minister also commented on

Nasrallah's political skills, stating that his political maneuvering in the Arab world and the broader region positioned the Resistance as a positive influential force. He institutionalized this despite Zionist efforts to portray the Resistance as a source of instability, Bagheri Kani said.

Bagheri Kani said Nasrallah's martyrdom was "a grave loss for the Arab world, the Islamic world, and the region."

"We lost a visionary thinker and a political strategist. He could reshape the political landscape."

"He always pursued the welfare of regional nations and fought

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**The Holy Qur'an**

سورة التوبة

So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them; surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

**The Holy Qur'an (9.5)**

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:54
Evening (Maghreb)	18:04
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:00
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:37

## Pezeshkian: Iran-China Ties Have Become Strategic

TEHRAN – Highlighting the "sustainable and strategic" relations between Tehran and Beijing, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said China's impressive progress has paved the way for stronger friendship with the world.

In a message for his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on Tuesday, Pezeshkian congratulated him on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The Iranian president said the Chinese nation has made magnificent headways in the past recent years under the guidance of Xi Jinping, which have prepared the ground for stronger friendship with and common welfare for the world countries.

Iran and China, by relying on their common cultural values, mutual respect, equality and altruism, have opened a new chapter in "comprehensive strategic relations" to deepen cooperation in all fields, Pezeshkian added.

"Now that the traditional friendship between the two nations has passed the test of age and has turned into deep, sustainable and strategic relations, I express my willingness for joint efforts with your excellency for the promotion of all-out relations between Iran and China," the Iranian president said in the message.

## At Least 6 Killed in Two Separate Terrorist Attacks in Iran

ZAHEDAN – At least six people, including a local commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), have been killed in two separate terrorist attacks in southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan.

The governor of the Iranian city of Nikshahr announced a terrorist incident in a village near the city that killed four people.

The official said that during the deadly incident, which occurred early Tuesday in the village of Bent near Nikshahr, a terrorist shot at students engaged in a religious celebration.

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