Global resistance against Zionism

Strategic roles of Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah

A protester holds up pictures of the Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (L) and the late leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.
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A man in a military uniform waves Iranian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Lebanese, Syrian, Hezbollah, Fatemiyoun Brigade, and Hashd al-Shaabi (PMF) flags during a rally in solidarity with Palestinian children in Tehran, Iran, on November 18, 2023.
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In studying the course of revolutions throughout history, one finds an undeniable truth: revolutions born from the aspirations and sacrifices of the people leave an indelible mark on history. Such movements produce figures who shape the future, embodying the dreams and convictions of the masses.

The Iranian Islamic Revolution stands as a profound example. It's a movement that transformed the course of modern history by producing leaders like Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the late founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and his successor, Leader Ali Khamenei. Emerging from society's deepest yearnings for justice, these leaders took on the mantle of supporting oppressed people worldwide, with an unwavering commitment to justice, solidarity, and resistance.

Leader Khamenei's words have become a rallying cry across the globe, resonating with those who see themselves under siege by imperial and colonial powers. His message of resistance against the adversities imposed by the United States and the Zionist entity has been a powerful source of inspiration. He made it clear that the adversaries would face firm consequences for their actions against the Iranian people and those of Palestine, Lebanon, and the broader Resistance Axis. This stance has positioned Ayatollah Khamenei's rhetoric as a guiding beacon for global resistance, marking a historical shift that forecasts the decline of Zionist colonialism and the resurgence of popular resistance as an emblem of dignity and self-determination.

The successes of the Zionist entity and its American and European allies have not been through achieving peace or reconciliation but through the systematic killing and displacement of innocent people. Before the watershed moment of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, global sympathy for the Palestinian cause was largely symbolic, a distant concern without any impactful intervention. The people of Gaza were besieged for years, yet there was no concerted action to dismantle the Zionist entity's blockade or confront its continued violence.

Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, however, signaled a transformation, elevating the discourse of resistance to an international movement and igniting a global awareness and solidarity that had been previously absent. It has unified voices across Europe, the Americas, and beyond, drawing attention to the enduring plight of Palestine — which many had only just begun to locate on their maps. This new wave of awareness will inevitably shape the future, fostering generations whose understanding of justice aligns with the aspirations of the Palestinian cause.

The Zionist entity's violent campaigns, which include the destruction of entire villages and indiscriminate killings in southern Lebanon, sought to dismantle Hezbollah's popular support base. Yet, the outcome was the opposite. Hezbollah has become not only a symbol but also a guardian of Lebanon, protecting all sects and social groups within the country's borders. Today, the Lebanese people recognize that the Zionist enemy does not discriminate — its violence targets everyone. As a result, Hezbollah has evolved beyond a mere military organization or political party; it has become an intellectual and popular movement, inspiring similar Resistance movements that embrace its cause.

Attempts to weaken Hezbollah through assassinations have proven futile. Each martyr has only strengthened Hezbollah's resolve, empowering it to refine its strategies, expand its capabilities, and sustain a military approach that is both resilient and formidable. Likewise, Hamas has demonstrated remarkable resilience, maintaining itself as a dynamic, growing force deeply rooted in the Palestinian people. It continues to develop and multiply as a movement of resistance and self-defense, even in the face of sustained violence and defamation. The irony is stark: those who label Hamas as a terrorist organization simultaneously legitimize the security interests of the occupying entity, an entity whose very foundation rests on imposing displacement, historical distortion, and relentless force. Hamas, on the other hand, is defending its ancestral lands — a right rooted in self-preservation and international principles of resistance against occupation.

The question that must be asked is: how can a regime built upon deception, fraud, and occupation assert its right to defend itself while denying that same right to the indigenous people whose land it occupies? This double standard underlines the contradictions of international responses to the conflict. The Zionist entity's legitimacy, which rests on a distorted history and a colonial legacy, stands in stark contrast to the legitimate self-defense of the Palestinian people.

The evolving dynamics of the Middle East call for global powers like Russia and China to align themselves with the just side of history. Independent nations are expected not just to voice support for the oppressed, but to take concrete steps to change the global power structure that enables such injustices. These countries must hold the Zionist entity accountable and prevent further aggression against those standing up for justice and self-determination. For nations witnessing the situation, this is not a matter of passive observance but of taking decisive action that sides with those who have suffered under the colonialist agenda of the Zionist entity.

Iran's commitment to the Resistance is not merely rhetorical. Soon, the world will witness the unveiling of Iran's latest military and strategic advancements, developed precisely because of repeated misjudgments and provocations by the illegitimate Zionist entity. Iran has made clear its stance against nuclear weaponization, yet this restraint does not extend to Iran's allies and strategic partners. The anticipation of Iran's technological advancements adds a critical dimension to the regional balance, sending a clear message: the days of unchecked aggression are numbered.

This message of resistance goes beyond borders; it transcends religions, ethnicities, and languages. It is a message that appeals to universal values of justice, dignity, and liberation from oppression. The resilience and determination seen in the movements across the Middle East signify a new era, one where the peoples of these regions refuse to remain silent in the face of occupation, systemic violence, and colonial ambitions. The emergence of Hezbollah, Hamas, and similar movements highlights the global potential of grassroots resistance to challenge even the most entrenched of powers.

As the Zionist entity's actions grow increasingly exposed, the international community faces a choice: to side with an oppressive regime that prioritizes its expansionist objectives over human rights or to stand with the global movement for justice, resistance, and the dignity of all people. The tides of public opinion are shifting, and with each passing day, more people are joining the call for accountability and solidarity with Palestine, Lebanon, and every people under occupation. The endurance of these movements, rooted in popular support and moral clarity, offers hope for a future free from the chains of colonialism and oppression.

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This is the legacy of the Iranian Islamic Revolution and the leaders it has produced. It is the legacy of those who championed the cause of the oppressed, who took a stand against formidable adversaries, and who left a roadmap for justice that resonates across borders. In this era of awakening, the Resistance has shown that even the most powerful empires can be confronted by the indomitable will of the people. As the flames of Resistance burn brighter, the message is unmistakable: true justice cannot be silenced, and the fight for liberation will persist until oppression is nothing but a dark chapter in the annals of history.

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (front-3rd L) attends a graduation ceremony for armed forces officers at the Imam Ali Academy in Tehran, Iran, on October 10, 2023.
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