

Hezbollah official says no force can disarm them



File photo shows fighters of Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement

Beirut, April 21 (RHC)-- A senior Hezbollah official has dismissed calls for disarmament of the Lebanese resistance movement, stressing that no force could strip the group of its weapons, which are a cornerstone of Lebanon's defense strategy against the Israeli regime.

Speaking to Lebanon's Nour Radio, Hajj Wafiq Safa, head of Hezbollah's Liaison and Coordination Committee, rejected recent discourse surrounding so-called disarmament of the resistance, describing it as a narrative promoted by agitators online.

"The word 'disarmament' exists only on social media and among the provocateurs," he said.

"To the resistance's cradle I say: Everything you hear is maneuvers. Do not be swayed by them. No force can disarm us," the official added.

Hezbollah's weapons have, over many decades, proven an indispensable defensive firepower in the face of incessant and indiscriminate Israeli aggression and the regime's ambitions to occupy more Lebanese territory than the country's Shebaa Farms.

The group deployed its armaments effectively in the face of Israeli wars in 2000 and 2006, forcing the regime into beating a humiliating retreat on both occasions.

Since October 2023, when the regime began markedly intensifying its deadly attacks on the country, the movement has also been successfully staging hundreds of retaliatory attacks against the occupied Palestinian territories, besides thwarting numerous Israeli military incursions.

'Hezbollah–Amal alliance stays firm on security decisions'

Safa emphasized that all security and military appointments in Lebanon continued to reflect the unified position of the alliance between Hezbollah's representatives in the Lebanese parliament and the Amal Movement at the legislature.

The statement came after several declarations by Hezbollah officials, highlighting the group's officially recognized role within Lebanon's political and defense frameworks, especially in responding to threats to national interests posed by external interference.

Last week, Hezbollah lawmaker Ihab Hamadeh said that proposals to disarm the resistance amounted to "an Israeli project backed by American tools," warning that "those who imagine stripping Lebanon of its strength are working in the service of Israel."

Safa also appealed to the Lebanese people to place their trust in the movement's leadership, invoking the legacy of the group's former secretary-general, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, a revered figure within the resistance and beyond, who was assassinated during intense Israeli airstrikes against the capital, Beirut, last year.

"Trust Hezbollah and its leadership just as you trusted the late Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah," he urged. The official reiterated that any future debate about Lebanon's defensive posture had to come only after cessation of Israeli hostilities and withdrawal of the regime's occupying forces.

"The discussion is solely about a defensive strategy once Israel withdraws and stops its aggression," he explained.

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