

Journalists report that Israeli forces run for their lives when faced with realities of ground war

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Beirut, October 5 (RHC)-- Hezbollah resistance fighters are the “sons of soil” who know it better than anyone else so the Israeli ground invasion of Lebanon will never be successful, says a journalist. Hanady Salam, a journalist based in Beirut, told the Press TV website that the Israel regime is good in technological warfare and possesses state-of-the-art US weapons, but not in ground battles.

“They seem like better fighters from a warplane or a tank. Faced with the realities of war, away from any shelter, they run for their lives. This is what happened in 2006,” she said. Salam was referring to the 2006 Israeli war on Lebanon when the Hezbollah resistance fighters forced the Israeli occupation forces to beat the humiliating retreat.

Israeli regime recently announced that it had launched a ground invasion of Lebanon after weeks of aerial bombardment that claimed hundreds of civilian lives in southern Lebanon and Beirut. However, reports from the ground suggest that the attempts to cross into Lebanon from the occupied Palestinian territories have failed miserably with Hezbollah fighters putting up stiff resistance.

Scores of regime soldiers have either been killed or critically injured in face-to-face clashes with highly motivated Hezbollah fighters known for their hybrid war tactics.

On the series of assassinations of Hezbollah resistance leaders, including the movement leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, which followed device detonations across Lebanon, Salam said its impact will be seen in the long run. “Hezbollah is an institutionalized organization, with plan Bs and Cs, etc. ready all the time,” she noted.

“However, it is not the only player on the ground, developments will depend also on the acts of its allies in these crucial times.”

On Sheikh Naim Qassem’s speech after the assassination of the movement leader, in which he asserted that his path would be continued with force insisting that the movement is not dependent on leaders, Salam said he was not only driven by unshakeable spirit and determination but by facts on the ground. “Hezbollah has been a resistance movement for 42 years, a great number if its leaders were assassinated, it survived harsh setbacks, and learned how to face it all along the way, and how, at the same time to keep upgrading its own capacities,” she remarked.

Salam contributed to the book ‘Inside Lebanon’ with Noam Chomsky and others, based on Chomsky's visit to Lebanon just before the 2006 invasion by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (R) receives Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi at the presidential palace in Damascus on Oct. 4, 2024.

The film "Letters from Beirut: the War of 33" is based on her writings.

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