

## **LEADER MESSAGE FOLLOWING THE MARTYRDOM OF THE DEVOTED WARRIOR SAYYID HASHIM SAFI AL-DIN - 24 /Oct/ 2024**

In a message to the Resistance Front's beloved youth, Ayatollah Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, praised the character of Sayyid Hashim Safi al-Din (may God's mercy be upon him), the Head of Hezbollah's Executive Council in Lebanon. He said, "Today, Hezbollah remains the most powerful defender of Lebanon and the most resilient shield against the ambitions of the Zionist regime, which has long aimed to partition Lebanon".

The text of the Leader's message is as follows:

In the Name of God, the All-Beneficent, the All-Merciful

O Beloved Youth of the Resistance Front!

The courageous and dedicated warrior, Sayyid Hashim Safi al-Din, may God's mercy be upon him, has joined the ranks of the martyrs of the Resistance, adding another shining star to the firmament of the struggle on the path to noble al-Quds.

He was one of the most distinguished figures in Hezbollah and a constant companion of Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah. It was through the wisdom and courage of leaders like him that Hezbollah was once again able to protect Lebanon from the threat of division and collapse, countering the threat of the occupying regime, whose cruel and oppressive army would, ever so often, trample over even Beirut.

Along with that of other commanders and fighters under Nasrallah's leadership, his courage and sacrifice have removed the threat of occupation and the annexation of southern Litani, Tyre, and other towns in that region to the occupied land of Palestine. They risked the lives, wealth, and honour of Hezbollah for the preservation of Lebanon's territorial integrity, thwarting the aggressive and criminal Zionist regime.

Today, leaders like Nasrallah and Safi al-Din may not be physically present in this world. Still, their spirit and leadership remain on the field, defending Lebanon and its unarmed people.

Today, Hezbollah remains Lebanon's most powerful defender and its most resilient shield against the ambitions of the Zionist regime, which for a long time has been aiming to divide Lebanon. The enemy tries to deny Hezbollah's selfless role in Lebanon. Those who care about Lebanon must not let themselves repeat this falsehood.

Hezbollah is alive, thriving, and fulfilling its historical role. The Islamic Republic will continue to assist the fighters for Al-Quds and those resisting the occupation of Palestine by this criminal usurping gang, with God's permission.

I extend my congratulations and condolences to the esteemed family, relatives, and comrades of our dear martyr, Sayyid Safi al-Din, on all fronts of the Resistance.

And May Peace be Upon All the Righteous Servants of God

Sayyid Ali Khamenei

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