



## **Israel assassinates journalist in Lebanon in a double-tap strike during a ceasefire**

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**Dimitri Lascaris (DL):** Good day, this is Dimitri Lascaris coming to you for Reason2Resist from Kalamata, Greece, on April 23rd, 2026. Yesterday, Israel murdered yet another journalist, and her name was Amil Khalil. Israel murdered her in a double-tap strike in south Lebanon during a ceasefire, no less. This is an excerpt from what we understand to be Amil's Khalil last televised report before the genocidal entity murdered her.

**Amil Khalil:** ...bodies of the two martyrs Salim Moghrabi and Mohammad Al-Jamal who were killed by the strike that targeted Qasmiyeh bridge, as they were passing on the bridge by chance at the time of the strike. What stands out is that Moghrabi was around despite the danger and despite Israeli warnings to move a stray dog to Sidon after he had rescued him from a strike in Tyre.

**DL:** Born in southern Lebanon in 1984, Amil Khalil had covered the region for the Lebanese media outlet Al-Akhbar since the 2006 war. Her latest reports focused on Israeli demolitions of homes in villages Israeli troops temporarily occupied. In an interview earlier this year with Public Source, Khalil said, "I debunk the enemy's narrative of targeting only military sites by showing evidence of them bombing homes, farms and killing children. Through my work, I have tried to be in solidarity with these people, the people of the land." In a video posted by The Cradle today, Khalil stated that she had been threatened repeatedly by the genocidal entity.

**Amil Khalil:** When I used to turn on my car and go by myself sometimes moving between these towns I was aware of the possibly –

**Interviewer:** Your blood is on your palm.

**Amil Khalil:** My blood is on my palm and I am targeted. But what did I always say? People would tell me, leave it alone and such... And I'd say, I'm as equal as those people. I'd tell them, I'm not better than these people. This situation changed after the 23rd of September. Because starting from August 25, I got a direct targeting threat on my phone from the Mossad, from the Israelis. They threatened me with death threats. They said we will separate your head from your shoulders, if you don't leave the south. We advise you to leave from the south. And they also included messages, and a number of messages on my personal phone, that included personal information about me. Just to let me feel that we know about you well. It's not just random information. The first threat was sent on August 25th, the second threat arrived on the day of the pager massacre, they also repeated this threat, the third threat arrived not directly to me, and I was already continuing, the third threat arrived two days before the 21st of September, two days before the aggression escalated. They called the newspaper and threatened it. They said that if they don't prevent her, the headquarters of the newspaper will be targeted. So before the 23rd of September, I didn't take any precautions and I didn't care about these threats. Because I said that if I do as they force me to do then they can force and impose, the enemy's entity, wants to force on me their own narrative. They bring journalists on my ground and promote the narrative that they want, and prevent me from moving on my own land.

**DL:** In a statement, the Committee to Protect Journalists said Khalil's killing quote "must be a wake-up call for the international community to enforce international law, urgently investigate Israel's 262 killings of journalists across the region, and hold all of those responsible to account", close quote. My only disagreement with this statement is that the wake-up call occurred long, long ago, and the international committee never answered it. Now here to discuss this latest atrocity against journalism with us is another heroic Lebanese journalist, Marwa Osman. Marwa is a course instructor of media writing at the faculty of mass communication and fine arts at Al-Maaref University in Lebanon. She's a former host of the political show, The Middle East Stream, aired on Al-Etejah English channel. She is also a member of the Blue Peace Media Network and political commentator on issues of the Middle East at several international and regional media outlets, including RT, Press TV, Al Manar, and Al Alam. Thank you for joining us today, Marwa.

**Marwa Osman (MO):** My pleasure. Thank you for having me. And let me just correct one thing. I am currently the host and producer of the MidEaStream on Press TV. 13 years ago, I was on Etejah on a very different TV channel, and I also produced Expose for Press TV as well. And thank you very much, Dimitri, for having me especially on such a very heavy day of loss. Because Amal Khalil, who was assassinated, threatened, assassinated and then be left to die on her own in south Lebanon without the help of anyone, is a very hard day for everyone right here in Lebanon.

**DL:** Indeed. And my apologies for the outdated biographical information, Marwa.

**MO:** No problem.

**DL:** Please tell us what we know about this atrocity, how it unfolded, and just your thoughts as someone who herself, you know, lives with this danger every single day that you do your resistance journalism in Lebanon on the ground.

**MO:** Honestly it's so undignifying for me to talk about this because I'm not on the front line whatsoever. I am on live coverage. Yes, we were threatened several times in Press TV in our Beirut studio that they will bomb us but we continued because they did bomb in Tehran. So the Beirut studio of Press TV took on the live coverage and I was along with my colleague Mariam Allah covering every day for two hours each in Beirut to make sure that the people know what's going on all around West Asia, not only in Lebanon. So I'm not on the battlefield, not at all, but the risk is there, I do acknowledge this, but I will never put myself in comparison with those who risk their lives to get us information live from the border, just like Fatima Ftouni, Ali Shoeib as well. And if you remember them, Ali Shoeib from Al-Manar, Fatima Ftouni from Al Mayadeen, who were assassinated with six different rockets last month in Jezzine. And last night, also, Amal Khalil was bombed. She was with Zeinab Faraj as well. She was her own photographer from Al Akhbar, and they were both targeted in their car first. So they ran into a house to find refuge in a house. They bombed the house again at 4pm. Zeinab remained there for five hours until Zionist Israel allowed the Red Cross to come in with the Lebanese army and get her, but they weren't able to get to Amal. So she was left till the very early hours of this morning or the very late hours of last night until they were allowed to go in and get her when Zionist Israel was pretty sure that she's now dead and no one can help her. So, when you talk about reporters like that, honestly, I can't, it would be shameful for me to put myself in comparison with these amazing, amazing humans. Again, yes, I do present live coverage, and I do have my own shows that I produce in the capital, and the capital was multiple times targeted, but it's not the same. Dimitri, we both know it's not the same when you are right there on the front line and bringing to the people, not only the people in your country and your community, but to the whole world, the narrative of the people of the land in comparison to what the narrative that Zionist Israel usually puts forth by always showing itself as the victim, all the while against bombing and occupying and trying to infiltrate even more land in south Lebanon. So what these journalists are doing, whether they are Lebanese journalists or foreign journalists, they're doing a very honourable, risky job. And honestly they don't know when they will be targeted because Zionist Israel, as we saw on April 8th, on Wednesday April 8, what we call in Lebanon now the Black Wednesday, they don't really see a fighter versus a civilian versus a paramedic versus a press through. What they see is red all over. They kill whoever they want, kids, women, civilians, paramedics, first responders, civil defence and journalists and reporters equally. And every time they want to defend their pretext they say that they are spies for Hezbollah. What are you talking about? Would a spy be holding a Thuraya phone which is a satellite phone or would they be having Internet and mobile phones with their hands reporting live with SNG cameras. I mean who are they lying to? No one believes them anymore, but this is the reality on the ground. It's very risky. We've seen it before in Gaza. We're now seeing it in Lebanon. And I don't think they're gonna stop. And honestly, I think that the war will come raging either this week or upcoming next week, the beginning of next week, and it's gonna be way harsher than what we've seen before, but it's going to be harsher from both sides.

**DL:** And that's what I wanted to discuss with you next, Marwa. I think the last time you were on, we've had you on our programme several times, we talked about your home in South Lebanon and the fact that it was still intact, although you found to your great dismay that it had been occupied by genocidal terrorists from Israel for some period of time and the signs of their presence were there; they were disrespectful, to put it mildly to your home. Is your home still standing as far as you know?

**MO:** The last time it was also hit, it was also hit from the bedrooms. So I rebuilt it all, I cleaned it all. I made sure it went back to the state that it was before October 7th. And I was preparing to furnish it, I was waiting for Ramadan to finish so I would go and furnish it all over again because they either stole my furniture or basically destroyed it and put it on fire so I didn't have any furniture left. And the bedrooms, they were all broken because of the hit that they sustained from the side of the house. This time, I don't know, I honestly don't because last time we were getting footage from a jail mapping website that shows you from an aerial view, a bird eye view of the town, and now, satellites are not allowing such imagery. And if we get an image, let's say if we buy this image today, let's say today is April 23, we will have it at least five days old. So we really don't know what's happening. We do know that they are detonating houses, entire neighbourhoods actually, not houses, entire neighbourhoods in Khiam, just like they did in Bint Jbeil and like they didn't Khiam also in 2024. But the footage that I see live on air by TV channels shows me the area that is not near my house. So till this moment, the detonations that have happened are not in the area near my home. But at the beginning of the war, there were battles and clashes in the areas. So I honestly don't know. And I honestly, wholeheartedly this time don't care. Because this is an existential war, whatever happens, just like I rebuilt last time and it took me a month and a half to finish, I don't care if I have to rebuild everything from scratch. Honestly, I was joking the other day with my friend telling her that there are a bit of mistakes that happened engineering wise and with the furnishing department there and with the finishing department, I would like to change that. So it's going to be fine. So I take it in a light way, because we've lost family members, we've lost best friends, we've lost children. Honestly, when you feel that loss, you think that anything that's materialistic means absolutely nothing. What is important is for the resistance to remain steadfast, resilient in the face of this incursion and occupation and violent aggression and for the people to keep their faith in the resistance. Otherwise, we don't have anyone else to defend us, so honestly what I care right now is for resistance fighters, if they want to use my house, they are forgiven. They can use whatever they want from my house to sustain their steadfastness, to remain resilient, even if the house is bombed again. Honestly, this time, I don't care.

**DL:** Well, it's a good thing I would say that you didn't buy any furniture because today Haaretz reported, and this is summarised in a report by Barak Ravid, I'll have a minute and more to say about him in a second, that regular and reserve soldiers are looting a large amount of civilian property from homes and businesses in southern Lebanon. So fighters and commanders stationed in the field told [name] – I guess that's an Israeli journalist. According to the testimonies, the theft of motorcycles, televisions, painting sofas and rugs, on a wide scale has become a routine phenomenon. Unbelievable man. And what are these guys?

**MO:** Last time they did steal my Persian rugs in my salon and my visitors area. I had Persian rags and very expensive ones. Obviously, it's the first house that I ever got to build with my own hands. And honestly, I picked out everything in that house, solely because my husband was at his job and I was juggling kids and work and building the house. So they did take my my Persian rugs.

**DL:** Wow. They didn't get their hands on the second set, thankfully. But this is reported to Haaretz by senior and junior command in the field. And they say that Haaretz has told, that they do not take disciplinary measures to eradicate this crass theft. What's interesting here is...

**MO:** Honestly, they wouldn't even put any kind of measures against them for breaking Jesus Christ's statue. You think they're going to discipline them over a few pieces of furniture? Of course not.

**DL:** And even this character, Barak Ravid, who's an Israeli-American, he's a journalist, a so-called journalist for Axios, served in the Israeli military, and even he seems to be embarrassed by this just outright thievery. But I'm interested to know, Marwa, it's not just the thievery, it's not just the killing of the journalists, which is horrific enough, could you talk to us about the other types of ceasefire violations we have seen from these criminals over the last several days since this ten-day ceasefire purportedly came into effect?

**MO:** More than two hundred and fifty violations have been registered by the Lebanese army Dimitri since the beginning of this so-called ceasefire that was never a ceasefire because at 5 a.m. on the day of the ceasefire, that was supposed to start, they killed over the bridge of Qasmiyeh two people in their car and then they started killing others all across south Lebanon. At the moment, I think, since it began until now, we have more than six martyrs and a score of civilian injured added to that what happened to Amal last night as well as a martyr for journalism so more than 200 times of violation aerial sea land violations and detonation of entire neighbourhoods, schools, hospitals especially in the villages and towns that are bordering occupied Palestine added to a war crime that happened and which ended up in them assassinating Amal, is what Amal reported happening on Tuesday, April 21, if I'm not mistaken. What happened on Tuesday was that a resistance fighter was shot in South Lebanon and he was able to crawl all the way to Rmaish, which is an old Christian town in South Lebanon. And he was able to get to the civil defence centre and he was helped by first responders and his injury was minor. They were able to help him and keep him alive and they were about to transport him to Nabatieh and from there probably to Beirut and what happened is that the civil defence centre received a phone call from the Zionist entity telling them you either give that fighter to us or we're gonna bomb not only your centre but the entire village and evacuate all the residents in it because majorly all the Christian towns in Lebanon have not been evacuated yet. They have had the blessings of the people convoy to visit them and try to help them out. They refuse to leave but at the same time they don't resist Zionist Israel. But the Israelis keep terrorising them if they ever try to help any of the resistance fighters. And this is what happened. And the phone call was being held by the first responder on speakerphone. So the fighter was listening to that phone call and he grabbed the

phone and he spoke with the Israelis and said don't bomb anyone I am fully capable of walking. I'm gonna come to that certain intersection, you wait for me there. And that's exactly what happened. The first responded to try to tell him that we can like transport you now to Beirut. And he said, no. I'm not gonna allow them to terrorise anyone or kill anyone only because I received help from my fellow citizens right here in Rmaish and he ended up walking all the way towards them and they incarcerated him in a breach of every international law, every humanitarian law on this planet. But when you are an entity that doesn't even have a constitution you don't really care about what you do especially when the world is a hippocratic world they give you deaf ears and a blind eye. And Amal Khalil, the correspondent of Al-Akhbar, was the first reporter to report about this because what the Israeli entity tried to do was to fake the news by saying that it was the people of Rmaish who actually spied and told the Israelis that we have a resistance fighter here. But Amal was the one to report exactly what happened because the civil defence had recorded that phone call, so they recorded everything. So Amal was the reporter who brought the story out to light. Less than 24 hours later, Amal was killed because the narrative was changing against the will of the Israeli entity. So not only violations when it comes to air, land, and sea military, but also war crimes against humanity. Because in any war, there's always a law, according to the Geneva Convention or the UN Charter, that if a soldier is wounded he is no longer a target; especially if he goes to a hospital. They called the hospital and told them you either give up that soldier or we're going to kill you all. This is ladies and gentlemen, Zionist Israel.

**DL:** You know, even I, Marwa, who follow these events carefully, for somebody from the West, I follow it, I had not heard that at all. And as I'm sure you would agree, if an American soldier had done this on the front line in response to a threat by the resistance, which the resistance wouldn't do, you know...

**MO:** Never do, no.

**DL:** ...annihilate a village. This would have been front-page news all over every major newspaper in the West, and I have not seen a single report of this extraordinary event.

**MO:** I can send you the link by Al-Akhbar News Daily, it's in Arabic, but you can translate it using any platform you like and you can get it exactly the way that I told you.

**DL:** We'll include that link. Thank you, Marwa. We'll include that link to the description. So what is very interesting to me about this latest series of rampant ceasefire violations is the response of the resistance. Because the thousands of, as far as I know, and you can correct me, you can certainly correct me if I'm wrong, but from November, 2024, when this first fraudulent ceasefire came into effect until this latest war of aggression was launched on Iran on February 28th, the resistance showed incredible restraint as the genocidal entity was violating the ceasefire on a daily basis in Lebanon. But that doesn't appear to be the case anymore. So I'm gonna show our audience a report issued today by the Lebanese resistance. This is part of the report. And they identify here four military operations they carried out yesterday. So this would be on the second or third day of this latest fraudulent ceasefire. And they begin by saying, "In defence of Lebanon and its people in response to the Israeli enemy's

violation of the ceasefire" and so forth, "the Islamic resistance conducted four military operations yesterday or issued for military statements each one relating to a separate operation", and then they go on and they identify, I put two of them here, but there are two more and by the way, there was another report just before you and I began speaking today, there was a military operation conducted today, not yesterday. And for good measure, the Islamic Resistance published a video of one of its most recent military operations and I just want to share that with our audience before I ask you about this.

**DL:** So, in the interest of time, I won't show the whole video, but that's just one example.

**MO:** Let me tell you, the map that we saw at the beginning is the settlement of Kfar Gil'adi inside of occupied Palestine. So this was the first operation ever since the ceasefire, because ever since this ceasefire happened and Zionists started violating it, Hezbollah was retaliating inside Lebanese territory. But this one on April 21st, it was retaliation towards Kfar Gil'adi, which is inside occupied Palestine.

**DL:** Right and they stated that the target was an Israeli artillery bunker in that village in occupied Palestine. So it's very clear it seems to me, Marwa, that the resistance is not going to take all of these ceasefire violations lying down this time. But at the same time their response has been measured because before the ceasefire came into effect they were announcing the range of 50, sometimes well over 50, much more military activity than I saw from October 2023 to November 2024, which is interesting because we were told by Netanyahu at the UN General Assembly late last year that Israel had crippled Hezbollah. But in any case, this time they seem to be starting relatively small, and I would imagine that their plan is to escalate if Israel continues. And so my question to you is, and I think you've already answered at the beginning, but I'm interested in your thoughts about where this is all heading, do you think it's now inevitable that we will find ourselves, and the people of Lebanon in particular, will find themselves in all-out war against the genocidal entity in the very near future?

**MO:** Let's begin by telling you right here in Lebanon, we have been adapting to the thought that we are still at war since September 17, 2024, since the terrorist attack of the pagers attack on Lebanese civilians taking out in the same minute more than 2000 on September 17th, 2000 civilians and on September 18th about 1500 others. So since then, we believe that we are in open war with Zionist Israel. Now, it sometimes escalates and sometimes lowers, but throughout the 15 months before March 2nd, Dimitri, we were at war with Zionists Israel, but the resistance was adamant on keeping itself in accordance with the ceasefire, which Zionist Israel violated more than 10,000 times, killing in the process more than 500 Lebanese civilians. And when I say civilians, it doesn't mean that the men and women who were killed, especially the men who were killed, were not part of Hezbollah. Majorly many of them were part of Hezbollah and the others were actually just civilians. But many who were part of Hezbollah, were not on the battlefield. So this kind of assassination was illegal. This is assassinating someone who is a civilian, who's not fighting you, who's in the battlefield. When you kill someone in his own bedroom or in his own car, this is an assassination. And according to the Geneva Convention and to humanitarian laws, it amounts to a war crime. So

throughout that time, the resistance kept its cool, but every time Sheikh Naim Qassem, you can go back to the speeches of Sheikh Naim Qassem, the Secretary General of Hezbollah, during the 15 months of resistance, let's say pausing that war from its side, and you can listen to him, at that time, every time he spoke and said, we will retaliate, stop testing us, the resistance is far more advanced than you can think. People in Lebanon who were pro-Zionist and the media who was pro-Zionist, they used to make fun of him. Not only call him a liar, but make fun of him. But what happened on March 2nd, literally on the first day of the war, what happened is even us, the civilians, the community of the resistance, we were shocked to read the news that tells that resistance fighters engaged in direct zero-range clashes in Kfarkela. And you know where Kfarkela is, Dimitri. It's right at the border and it has been carpet bombed by Zionist Israel. So from where were they coming? That was a pleasant surprise for us. It was a shock for Zionist-Israel. But this is what the resistance is; it is the community itself. It is the people living in those villages and even living abroad. We have many Beqaaris who are from the Beqaa' not from the south who were martyred, many from Beirut who were martyrs, many Syrians who live in Lebanon, who were martyred. We have a couple of Saudis who were martyred but they are part of the resistance. We have a few Bahrainis who are martyred. We also have a couple of Yemenis who were martyred because this is a holy land for the Lebanese people and the allies of Lebanon as well. So the issue at the moment, Dimitri, is that we have not left that war. It's been up and down, but it escalated a lot on March 2nd and it went a bit towards the lower note starting the so-called ceasefire that was announced before the Islamabad talks by not having bombs in Beirut but we still have sonic bombs, we still have spy drones, we still have jet fighters that fly at least once per day over the capital. But we know this is not done yet. You know why? Because the resistance on day one issued a statement saying that if you trust the resistance, you won't go back home to the south or to Dahieh, Beirut suburbs, because we don't trust Zionist-Israel, and we know for sure that Netanyahu is just adamant on seeing more blood spilled in Lebanon. So be careful. Don't leave your displaced centres, even your tents, if that's the case. Stay because this war is not over yet and it's obvious that even the ceasefire between the American enemy and the Islamic Public of Iran – it's still raging. It's going up a notch escalating in slow motion but by god we don't know when zero hour will be and all hell will break loose across the entire region of West Asia.

**DL:** I'd like to talk to you about the response of the Lebanese national government to all of this. First of all, I just want to clarify one thing. By the way, I want to say to our audience, we actually did a report from Kfarkela in February of last year after I attended the funeral of Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, and it was indeed carpet bombed. I'm going to put a link to that into the description of the video. So people can see it if they want. And we were perched atop a hill in Kfarkela and we could clearly see it, occupied Palestine. And I think we even saw an Israeli military base. But it is remarkable, I hadn't heard of that either, Marwa, that the resistance fighters, somehow in the wreckage of Kfarkela....

**MO:** They won, imagine.

**DL:** Remarkable. So one little point I want to clarify before I ask you about the Lebanese national government. I've been invited onto the programme of Mario Nawfal a few times and he keeps saying that Nabih Berri has called on Hezbollah to disarm. Is this true?

**MO:** No. That's a lie. Mario Nawfal is a Zionist propagandist, so that's a lie.

**DL:** I'll let him know you said that!

**MO:** I don't care. I've had him blocked along with several others who I think are Zionist propagandists. So I don't have time, honestly, for them.

**DL:** Yeah. So that's good. Because I was quite surprised. He keeps saying this and I thought, what is he talking about?

**MO:** The latest statement that was issued by Speaker Nabih Berri, despite the fact that I don't politically align a lot with the man, but when it comes to the resistance, Dimitri, we are on the same page. The man issued a statement the day before yesterday saying that if this government of ours decides to go to the path of the 17th of May agreement which was signed in 1983 between the Lebanese government back then and the Israeli entity, we will, and he said I personally will make sure to make 60 February 6th. Because it was signed on May 17th, 1983, but on February 6th, 1984, an entire revolution began and the real resistance began and the entire government was toppled. So Nabih was saying, I, Nabih Berri, the speaker of the Lebanese parliament, will make sure to have 60 times what happened on February 6th against any government that would dare sign any sort of agreement or put their hand in the hands of Zionist-Israel. So don't listen to that man, listen to the statements that are being issued right here from the office of Nabih Berri.

**DL:** And so let's talk about the Lebanese national government then. We've been told over and over again by the Western media in the past couple of weeks that it's engaging in peace negotiations with the criminal entity, even as the Lebanese Prime Minister today accused them, or yesterday, of committing a crime against humanity by murdering Amal Khalil. Of course, one of many countless crimes against humanity they have committed in Lebanon just during the past two and a half years alone. So, what is the reality here, Marwa, as far as you can tell? Is the Lebanese government actually trying to strike some kind of a peace deal with the genocidal entity as it is committing crimes against humanity, against Lebanese people?

**MO:** Let me correct you because you said the Lebanese national government. There's nothing national about that government. The Prime Minister and the President were installed by colonial powers, by the United States of America in specific, and Nawaf Salam was handpicked by the Zionists. If you don't know the story of the plumber who brought about Nawaf Salam, you should read it in Arabic media, especially in Lebanese media, because during the times after the election of the President, because the President gets elected in parliament, we don't elect our President, that's how democratic we are, so we don't get to elect our own President, he gets elected in parliament. After that the President would call on the different factions so they can name what they believe would be the suitable Prime

Minister and then the President will call on that Prime Minister to convene and to formulate a government. What happened is that everyone was adamant on naming Najib Mikati, the former Prime Minister naming him again. This was the case in Lebanon but then within a couple of hours before the day of announcing the name a couple of political factions changed their mind because they received phone calls from God knows whom because at that time they thought that a Saudi prince was calling them, known as Abu Umar and changing the name into Nawaf Salam and so they came ahead to the president and said we choose Nawaf Salam. But later on, nine or ten months later it was a grandiose expose of scandal in Lebanon that this man was a plumber in Lebanon who was given a Saudi number but whom Saudi Arabia had no idea who he was to a point that the royal court in Saudi Arabia issued statements saying we don't have a prince called Abu Omar.

**DL:** Let me just get this straight. You're saying that somebody, a plumber in Lebanon...

**MO:** He was impersonating. You didn't hear that story? Oh my God. Oh, my God, it became a meme in Lebanon. A plumber in Lebanon, a plumber who was incarcerated by the Lebanese army intel, he was taken into custody because they found the number and they found him and he was taking money from those politicians, so he was investigated and he was told to get that number, that Saudi number, and to fake a Saudi accent and to call those politicians and tell them to name Nawaf Salam instead of Najib Mikati. This is how Nawaf Salam came to be the Prime Minister of Lebanon. He's a Zionist puppet. It is funny, but look where he's taking us. Look where he is taking us. So that being said, the President himself was only elected on the second try during the election day on February 9th. Why? I think it was on January 9th, not February 9th, on January 9th of 2025, on the second ballot vote, not the first. At first he didn't get the necessary votes. Why? Because Hezbollah and the Amal movement did not vote for him. The Shias of Lebanon did not for him until they had a meeting and they agreed that he will issue in his government speech and his speech and in the government draft, which is basically a draft of which the government would be voted for in confidence or the confidence will be taken away from the government, that the resistance will be named and that Lebanon has the right to defend itself. And if you go back to the speech of the President when he got elected on the second try and he got the necessary votes you can listen to his speech; none of the points that he mentioned in his speech were implemented. Neither the reconstruction, nor the return of the displaced, nor the relief of the occupation. Zionists-Israel did not leave, on the contrary they're taking more land. Nor the right for Lebanon to defend itself, through any means possible; this is what he said, through all and any means possible, which means its legitimacy for the resistance. So he reneged on all these promises and now he's running as Zionist-Israel was killing us literally on the ceasefire on April 7th, when the cease fire was announced between Iran and the US, we were supposedly going to be included in that ceasefire. But him, the President Nawaf Salam said, no, giving pretext for Zionist-Israel to come and attack us in a massacre killing 357 civilians on Wednesday and 1,223 wounded in less than ten minutes, because of their incompetence honestly not to say another word. It's treachery also not only incompetence. So now they are trying to talk with the Israelis why we are still dying, we are still displaced, our homes are being bombed, journalists are being killed, paramedics are being killed; nothing they ever

agree upon will be implemented Dimitri. And I'm not saying this because I am truly hurt by what's going on. I put my emotions aside when I analyse and speak politics. You should listen to what the families of the martyrs are saying. Every day there's a protest in front of the Ministerial Palace, in front the Governmental Palace in downtown Beirut in Martyrs Square. You should listen to what the people are saying. You should listen to what Amal's brother yesterday on live TV, on Al Jadeed TV was saying. He said, I hold the President and the Prime Minister responsible for the death of my sister Amal Khalil in South Lebanon, in Tyre, because they were grovelling at the feet of the Zionists and the mechanism, the US mechanism, instead of sending the Lebanese army to get her even if under fire. That's literally what's brewing at the level of the public, Dimitri. Not only we don't accept, if Nawaf Salam and Joseph Aoun take a plane to go to Washington to put their hands in the hands of Netanyahu, they will not return to Lebanon. And if they do return, they're not returning to their palaces. That's it. That is it. Save this. And if it happens, play it again.

**DL:** I think that's a wonderful point on which to conclude our discussion today, Marwa. Well said, my friend, words to remember. And we will indeed play them for our audience if that notorious day ever comes.

**MO:** Inshallah. Thank you very much, Dimitri. I want to thank you for allowing me on your platform and allowing our voices to be heard by your viewers. And thank you again for always being part of our struggle because I saw that you came to Beirut. Hopefully, inshallah, you come back when it's victorious.

**DL:** I will indeed. Not a team of wild horses could stop me. Thank you very much. We'll be signing off today from Kalamata and Beirut on April 23rd, 2026.

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