

Interview today - Jan 2, 2008 - with Cedars Revolution Leader MP Walid Jumblatt

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10:27 Jumblat said we do not want a "gathering of tribes, we want a state" and asked Nasrallah whether he and his allies recognize Lebanon as an independent state.

10:25 Jumblat said a political agreement is need to avoid exhausting the army.

10:23 Jumblat said: "I thank God that my father died in 1977 and did not witness what we are going through.

10:20 Jumblat said Lebanon "is not Aleppo or Houran, Lebanon is an independent country."

10:15 Jumblat said March 14 Presidential candidate Nassib Lahoud supported the nomination of Army Commander Gen. Michel Sleiman for president.

9:56 Jumblat said Lebanon was a democratic country "before Bashar and his father were born."

9:44 Jumblat said the March 14 alliance is a pluralist group.

9:40 Jumblat said Nasrallah would not be able to contradict a fatwa by Khamenei that the Saniora government is illegitimate.

9:37 Jumblat said: "I wouldn't go into negotiations if a gun is pointed to my head."

9:25 Jumblat said "we don't want Beirut changed into another Baghdad."

9:24 Jumblat said the campaign targeting Premier Fouad Saniora is of a factional nature.

9:24 Jumblat said he would not allow Syria and Iran to control decision-making in Lebanon.

9:23 Jumblat said there is only one negotiator facing March 14 and that is Hizbullah.

9:17 Jumblat said that the majority would not give the opposition veto powers in any government because that would allow Syria and Ahmadinejad to block Lebanon's political process.

9:10 Jumblat said Palestinian bases outside refugee camps are "Syrian bases."

9:07 The resistance should be absorbed in the Army and the decision of going into war should be in the hands of the Lebanese authorities, Jumblat said.

9:02 He said the assassination of Brig. Gen. Francois el-Hajj was a message to the Lebanese that you are not entitled to choose your president.

9:00 Jumblat said the opposition aims at eliminating the state of Lebanon.

8:55 Jumblat said Free Patriotic Movement leader Michel Aoun is not a basic negotiator.

8:53 Jumblat said Hizbullah is morally responsible for attacks staged by Syrian intelligence in Lebanon.

8:51 He said Syria will not recognize that Shebaa Farms are Lebanese territory because it wants Lebanon to remain under U.N. Security Council resolution 242.

8:50 Jumblat said Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem has no authority to discuss the Lebanon situation.

8:49 He said normalization of relations with Syria should be based on Syrian recognition of Lebanon as an independent and sovereign state.

8:44 Jumblat stressed that the borders are open for Hizbullah weapons from Iran to Lebanon via Syria.

8:40 Jumblat said that if Hizbullah changed Lebanon into an Iranian-like state it would justify the existence of Israel as a Jewish state.

8:37 Can Hizbullah survive as a political party without Iranian financing and Iranian Weapons? Jumblat asked.

8:30 Interview with Jumblat aired.

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