

Hezbollah Has Destroyed the Lebanon I Once Knew

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The message of recent legal pressure on Lebanese journalists is clear: citizens have the right to speak only if they conform to the group's dictates.

I recently learned that Lebanon's Military Tribunal has sentenced me in absentia to six months in prison. After speaking about Hezbollah's role in Lebanon and Syria, I was charged with defaming the Lebanese army. When my lawyer called to notify me of the ruling, I realized the Lebanon I once knew is gone...

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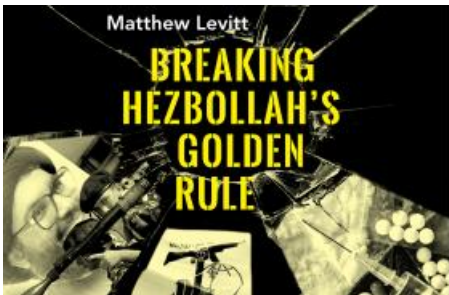
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