

SURPRISE ATTACK? USS Lincoln TAKEN OUT, Iran EXPOSES Trump | Seyed M. Marandi

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Welcome back. As you can see, Professor Mohammad Marandi is back on the show with me to cover the latest developments and talk about what's happening with the war in Iran. Professor Marandi, first question to you. I wanted to immediately get your take on this crisis in the U.S. Navy. This blockade on Iran has been going on for months and months and months. Now the USS Lincoln has been replaced by the USS George Washington, or will be in about a week's time, because of a major crisis on board: sailors taking their lives.

Now, Scott Bessent just said that Iran can expect economic measures against them to increase to degrees never before seen, and measures never before seen. Now, what do you make of this contradiction? Because now J.D. Vance is saying that the number one priority is gas prices. And yet you had CENTCOM in Israel meeting just in recent days. And Israel tried to say that CENTCOM was preparing for new strikes, and then CENTCOM said, "No, we're not." So there's obviously a lot going on here. What do you make first of this naval crisis and this contradictory posture that the U.S. has taken toward Iran as this war progresses?

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The most important thing of all the things that you've said is that everyone has to press the like button. But after that, I think the second most important thing is to keep in mind that anything that comes out of Washington is probably a lie or deception. And that's how it's been with us for a very long time now. Now, it's interesting that Vance talks about the price of gasoline in the United States, but Trump and his people are saying that the Strait of Hormuz is completely open and that they're

fully in charge. So which one is it? Is it open or is it closed? If it's open, then why are gas prices something to be worried about? With regards to the sanctions that Bessent has been speaking about, they've been trying to strangle Iran for decades.

And they've been trying to strangle the Iranian people for decades. And I don't believe that they have the ability to bring the Iranian people to their knees. I have no doubt that they'll fail. But I have no doubt that they will try to do that, to increase suffering as much as possible. That's been their job forever. He brags about it, actually. If you recall last year, he bragged about how he was the person who helped bring a collapse to the Iranian rial to encourage street protests. And then those infiltrators, the rioters, the armed rioters, joined and came to the streets and started burning down buildings, clinics, and burning buses and ambulances and fire engines.

And we saw 3,017 people die in two days of armed insurrection, where hundreds of police officers and those who were protecting the streets were murdered. So he was the person who started this. So his intention is to crush ordinary Iranians. There's no doubt about it. What I can tell you, and this is, I think, significant, is that the Americans have sent threatening messages to Iran in the last few days through third parties. And the Iranians have been witnessing a buildup of U.S. capabilities in the region and the possibility for another war, another round of heavy fighting. And the Iranians are preparing themselves as well. They're building missiles, drones.

They're expanding their underground bases. They're expanding their command and control capabilities. And so the Iranians are preparing themselves. And as you know, because we've discussed this on multiple occasions, probably, and I'm sure your viewers know this as well, the Iranians have said that if the United States goes after Iran's civilian infrastructure, the Iranians will be relentless in retaliation against the countries that are cooperating with the United States in attacking Iran. And that means the Israeli regime, Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, possibly Oman, because this time around they've been cooperating with the Americans more. I don't know about Jordan, even though Jordan has been assisting the United States a great deal.

And all of these countries, by the way, have been collaborating with Israelis because the U.S. planes, the refueling planes, when they fly, they refuel both American planes and Israeli regime jets. So all of these countries have been helping both of them. And that was the case in the 12-day war. And during the 12-day war, refueler jets would get up, would fly from these countries, and then refuel Israeli jets to bomb Iran. So these countries are in serious trouble if the United States relaunched a war or restarts the war against Iran. But in any case, we are where we are. The Strait of Hormuz is more or less closed. Some ships do get through. The Iranians do allow some ships through. The Chinese do. For example, the Iraqis were not a part of the war.

Some ships from countries that have not participated in the war, they are allowed to get through. Sometimes, for example, now some Emirati ships Iran allows to get through because the Emiratis, at least for the time being, they've shifted their policy and they've been behaving differently towards Iran. So Iran recognizes that and allows some ships to go through. But the number of ships that go

through it every 24 hours is far less than what we would have under normal conditions before the war. Back then it was something between, I don't know the real number, 130 to 180 ships a day, something like that. I've read different numbers. But now it's probably between seven and eight to

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16, 17 a day at most.

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And the oil that comes out is much less than before, especially now that the Red Sea—there's a war going on between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. You know that Saudi Arabia started this war. They bombed Yemen's international airport, and then Yemen retaliated, but also imposed a siege, a counter-siege on Saudi Arabia because the Saudis had imposed a siege on Yemen for many years. So because of that, Saudi oil exports from the Red Sea have declined significantly. And so this has made it all the more difficult. So the shortage of crude oil is growing, but other shortages are growing much faster because the number of ships that do not carry crude oil are very limited, those that go through this strait. And so the shortages of helium and sulfur and fertilizers and refined products and petrochemicals, these shortages are growing very fast. And LNG, these are growing very fast. And so it's all very bad news for the global economy. And of course, if the United States restarts the war, it's going to be catastrophic.

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How has Iran, Professor Morandi, as some have called it, outlasted the United States military? Because all reports indicate that not only are these aircraft carriers in major crisis, sitting out in the middle of the Indian Ocean for months at a time, and now facing a crisis of morale and just really terrible conditions at sea. Not to mention the fact that, of course, there are the armaments issues, the issue of continuing to fire off air defense missiles to defend—or to respond, I should say—to Iranian retaliation. And then, of course, the offensive missiles, some of which are like attack drones, are gone. How has Iran done this? Because now I'm hearing from General Naqdi, of Iran's IRGC, commander. He said that now Iran has more missiles, or is producing more missiles, than they fired throughout the period of this war. That's quite something. Explain the discrepancy. How did this happen?

#Marandi

Well, there are a number of things. One is, you know, we've discussed this before. Iran—it's a civilizational state with thousands of years of history. Iran's religious ideology, Shia Islam in particular, makes them very resistant to oppression and very steadfast in supporting the victims and the oppressed. Also, the Iranian leadership—Ayatollah Khamenei, the martyr—was a very, very wise person. He knew that this war would take place. He knew that war was inevitable. And for, you

know, saying the dates is difficult, but for 30-some years, especially after the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq by the U.S., the Iranians have been preparing themselves.

And so all those underground missile and drone bases, and the missile technology. And when Iran first developed drones, it was not a thing. And the first time drones became famous in the world was when Iranian drones were being used by the Russians. And Iran was siding with Russia. It's clear because the Americans carried out a coup in Ukraine and they were trying to expand NATO. And it wasn't just Ukraine. They wanted to expand NATO to Georgia. Already, Turkey is a NATO country. It's bad enough as it is. And then you'd have Georgia and then probably Armenia and Azerbaijan later on.

And that would be a huge, huge threat to Iran's national security. And of course, it was a coup. The new government in Kiev came to power through a coup. So Iran helped the Russians by providing them with drones, and the Iranian drones became famous. But before then, the West would always ridicule Iran's military industry and Iran's drones and Iran's missiles. People can go look back and see how they would try to diminish their significance. But Iran, you know, they developed indigenous technology. It's a high-tech country in many ways. It's quite an advanced country.

I mean, if someone comes to Tehran, it's a pretty impressive city despite decades of sanctions. But anyway, I digress. So Iran had been planning for this war, preparing itself for this war. The missile and drone factories are all underground. Iran has a very large industrial base to develop these things. And the United States, of course, being the imperial and arrogant power, underestimated Iran's capabilities. And Iran's, you know, on the one hand, they believe their own propaganda, that Iran is a regime that is collapsing, that's unpopular, that's unable to govern itself, it's corrupt, people hate it, and all that.

So, of course, if you believe that nonsense, then all you have to do is give it a push and the whole house of cards collapses. And then, of course, if you diminish their capabilities and say, well, their drones are not serious, their missiles are not that important, all we have to do is bomb them and everything is destroyed. Well, they bombed those missile bases for 40 days and got nowhere. Not a single base was destroyed. And that's, by the way, one reason why I don't have—I'm not privy to confidential information—but I don't think Iran's nuclear facilities were destroyed either. Because if they couldn't destroy any of the missile bases, why would they be able to destroy the underground nuclear program? Of course, it's underground. It's legal. IAEA monitors would go there all the time. There was nothing.

It was all civil. But in any case, it was well protected because of the threats made by the United States. So the Iranians prepared themselves for war. And the empire underestimated Iran, and the Iranians were not fearful. They did not back down. They said, "Okay, you want to fight? We'll fight." And now, of course, the aura of U.S. invincibility has been demolished. And that's good news for ordinary Americans because when the empire collapses, then the United States can start thinking about building the country instead of emptying the country for the sake of Zionism. But in any case,

the story of these soldiers in the Indian Ocean is just another sign of U.S. weakness. Gone are the days when people would see—what was the name of that movie? I never saw the movie, but Tom Cruise, like the fighter pilot.

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Oh, Top Gun.

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Top Gun.

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I've never seen it myself, actually.

#Marandi

Yeah, I haven't watched it. But anyway, I know the sort of movies where the U.S. military is invincible and U.S. SEALs are like invincible commandos. And now we hear that U.S. SEALs, they were trying to plant listening devices in North Korea, and some poor fishermen saw them, and then they murdered all of them. These are what U.S.

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SEALs do, these heroic men.

#Marandi

Or we now know that those drug boats in the Caribbean were indeed fishing boats, and that the Americans were bombing fishing boats. And those who were trying to figure out what was happening, they killed them too. Anyway, the investigators. So everything is falling apart. And so this story about the aircraft carrier, it diminishes the empire. It diminishes the image of the empire. Because in Hollywood movies, it's like this invincible force. But then in reality, it's treating its soldiers like dirt. And they're incapable of—the military is incapable of managing affairs. And of course, they lost this war against Iran, and they'll continue to lose. So nothing is going well. And then, of course, Trump hides in a catering cart.

And basically is willing—I mean, the whole story is fake. As soon as I heard the story, I was sure that this was Israeli intelligence. I had no doubt. As soon as I heard it, I said the Israelis must have told them that the Iranians are about to do something. And the Iranians wouldn't do this anyway, first of all, because Turkey, it's a neighboring country. Second of all, the Iranians don't do these things. I mean, the Iranians have said that if these people are, you know, people seek them out on

their own, Iran—the Iranians won't shed tears for the soldiers or anyone who pulled the trigger on those kids or on those, you know, teenagers who are those girl teenagers who are playing volleyball.

Iran is not going to, you know, send teams to do that. But the fact that he would listen, and Secret Service would listen, to the Israeli regime instead of to the CIA just shows how horrible the situation is in the United States and how, you know, how totally, like you said, like a colony of the Zionist regime. But the most disgusting part of it all was not his cowardice and the way in which he hid, but the fact that he was willing to sacrifice all those people in the plane, assuming that the threat was real.

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Yep.

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I mean, he used them as a decoy. Why? Well, you could have just said, "Well, we're not flying. I'll take a different route. These guys can take a bus or a train to some other country and then get on planes somewhere." Why in the world would he do that? What sort of monster does that? You know, and this reminded me of our flight from Pakistan to Iran. You recall when we went to Pakistan for the negotiations. I wasn't a negotiator, but they asked me to go there for media. And so I went, and, um, on our way there, I think it was when an opinion piece was published by The Washington Post, CIA-linked, famous for its connections with the CIA, saying that they should murder the Iranian negotiators. And so when the negotiations in Islamabad collapsed, we thought that there was a serious chance that our plane would be shot down.

But we all got on the plane. People could have said they don't want to. They want to stay back and come back later. No one did. We had young men and women on the flight, journalists, and they came. So we all flew. The Speaker of Parliament, the head of the delegation, was on the flight. In fact, he came to the back of the plane to shake hands with everyone and so on. But we landed in Mashhad. We didn't come to Tehran. We landed near the border, but further away, to make it harder for the United States and the Israeli regime to strike. So we landed. As soon as they entered Iran, they took an unexpected turn to the city of Mashhad, landed there, and then I took a train, and so did many others, a train back to Tehran. Some took a bus, some went by car, but in any case, we all returned.

But the point is that they didn't use us as a decoy. The Speaker of Parliament was with us. We were all in it together. And it's just disgusting how—what sort of, you know, this is the guy who was saying, "Fight, fight, fight," when he was supposedly assassinated. And that makes me wonder even more if he, you know, with all the things that we heard about that assassination, I increasingly doubt that that was real. This is like, I don't believe the official narrative of 9/11 anymore. For many years, I believed that 9/11 was just these Al-Qaeda guys. But then after Syria and after Libya, when Al-

Qaeda worked with Americans and, you know, the email Jake Sullivan, on February the 12th, 2012, to Hillary Clinton saying that Al-Qaeda is on our side in Syria, I began to question more.

But I never looked at any of those documentaries or anything. In fact, people who would say, like, Israelis were behind it or, you know, there were people inside the United States involved, I'd say I'd stay clear of these people, to be very honest. I think I've probably been unfriendly to some. But then I saw, you know, Tucker Carlson's documentary, and I, you know, my views have evolved on 9/11. They've evolved on Trump's assassination. And many things have evolved. I don't believe—I mean, Israel—they used to say Mossad is so fantastic. This whole mess that the United States is in is because of so-called Mossad intelligence. So obviously their intelligence isn't very good. And they're not just dishonest. Their intelligence is just not

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Yeah, well, to believe that, you know, it seems like all of the ducks at the party were exactly that. They were completely lame ducks, believing the Trump administration, Trump himself, believing that ragtag Iranians running around Turkey with MANPADS, getting ready to strike down your jet. Very, very unbelievable, mind you. But also the fact that... and it was a NATO summit.

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I mean, all the—I mean, the Turkish armed forces, I mean, Turkey is a part of NATO. It's in Trump's camp. And they—the Turkish intelligence and the CIA and, you know, Trump's people—they've been, I'm sure, coordinating for months, and they've been preparing for this summit for a long time. And I'm sure the airport was very well protected, probably in an unprecedented way.

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Turkey said this. They said this was very unusual. And I think it was Turkish authorities who said they believed it was Israeli intelligence before we found out that it was actually Israeli intelligence because of the nature.

#Marandi

Yeah, I mean, as soon as I heard the story, before this, I just said this was likely. But, you know, look at how they humiliate Trump, make a fool out of him, and still he's, like, obedient.

#Danny

He did it again, too. Did you see the reports, too, of Bradley Cooper? Bradley Cooper supposedly meeting with the Israelis. Israel's Channel 13 said Bradley Cooper is urging for more strikes. He's pushing hard for more strikes. He wants to go to war. He wants to hit Iranian energy targets.

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And then CENTCOM came out right after that saying, "No, no, no, no, no."

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We actually didn't say that. There's no facts. There's no factual basis. To me, that's also humiliating. Your top general of your maybe most important command structure right now, given how much has been invested in the war on Iran, goes to Israel, and supposedly—we don't know actually what happened—but supposedly Israel is fabricating things that he's saying and putting it out to the media so it can get picked up, or leaking what he's saying.

#Marandi

Or leaking what he's saying.

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And for what purpose other than to, of course, it's almost like humiliation. You know, it's like gangsters. You humiliate so they'll do more for you later because they don't want to get humiliated again. I mean, that's how far, that's how low things have gone. It's very pathetic. It's very pathetic. Yeah. Now, Professor Rondi, given the state of things right now, I'm wondering if you could talk about how it is perceived in Iran, the current position Iran is in. Because right now, the United States looks like it's on the back foot. I don't think there's anyone in the world who could see it differently now, given the way the U.S. is behaving toward Iran at this time. But Iran is being talked about as a regional superpower, fourth global superpower. We see all of this now being talked about even in mainstream circles. So, here's what you think about this characterization now of Iran as a rising, if not established, power in the world now.

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I think there's no doubt that Iran's position has been enhanced dramatically. And although I don't believe the war is over, and I think that the United States will do a lot more harm before this comes to an end—to itself, to the world, and to ordinary Iranians—they will fail. And I think this will end very poorly for the Israeli regime. As I said, Iran's status will be enhanced, and it will take a while for Iran to repair everything. But I think in the years ahead, Iran will grow much faster and become much stronger.

And it is now becoming a global power. I know that—I think Professor Pape said that it's like the fourth power. I don't know about the numbers. But I think in West Asia and North Africa, without a doubt, it's by far the most powerful country. And its influence would be more important than many other countries that are very big and powerful because of this situation, and because of the Persian

Gulf and the importance of the Persian Gulf, and the fact that Iran was able to defeat the United States and will continue to defeat the United States. And Trump brought this upon himself.

The U.S. political establishment brought this upon themselves. Just like the situation on the aircraft carrier, just like the shortages with their air defense systems and their missiles and their ammunition and so on. As Iran goes up, the United States is going down, and the entire West is going down because they've allowed the United States to destroy their own, you know, to bring them down. In fact, I think Europe is in a much worse situation than the United States is because they burned all their bridges. They destroyed their relationship with Russia.

They destroyed their relationship with Iran. I recall, and I've probably said this on your show, that when I was in Vienna for the nuclear negotiations, that's when the war in Ukraine began. And I was telling elites and diplomats and journalists, Western journalists, that Europe needs to deal with Iran because they burned their bridges with Russia, and they will face an energy crisis for years to come. Nord Stream was blown up, and the sanctions regime was becoming—they were beginning to create the sanctions regimes. But all these diplomats, literally all of them, and the journalists, the Western journalists and diplomats, literally all of them—I can't say every single one because I don't remember, but as far as I recall, all of them were saying, "No, no, we're going to win this war in a few weeks."

Russia or President Putin will be overthrown. He'll fall, and it'll be over. And so that was their plan. That was what they were saying to me in private conversations over coffee. It wasn't like in front of a camera where they do propaganda. That's what they were saying to me. And I was saying, you know, you haven't been able to—back then, Venezuela and Syria had fallen—but I was saying, you haven't even been able to overthrow Syria or Cuba or Venezuela, and now you want to overthrow, like, the government in Moscow?

I mean, you've been doing this to Cuba for decades, to Syria for many years, and to Venezuela for many years now, and now you think Moscow is going to fall, like, in weeks? Anyway, you know, that—and ultimately, the Europeans and the Iranians came to an agreement over a text, and Josep Borrell, who was the foreign policy chief of the EU, was pro, and then the Americans said no. And so we didn't have a deal. So the Europeans did not get Iranian energy. They didn't—they don't have Russian energy, and they're moving towards deindustrialization and greater instability. So the whole West is sort of like, they just have this intention to self-destruct, which I think, again, I think this is a good thing for people in the West because this empire, once it collapses, then I think people have a chance to build real economies and to look inwards and to think about, and to have people think about, you know, America first, or France first, or Germany first, and all that.

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Yeah, well, that is in fact where things are going.

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I'm not advocating America First or anything like that. I'm not advocating anything. But what I mean is that instead of Israel first, America first. That I think almost all Americans would agree upon, except for the Zionists. Right.

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Yeah. Well, Professor Rodney, there's another big development that is not getting so much attention, and that's Iran now joining the New Development Bank, BRICS institution, based in Shanghai. That is a big part of BRICS's overall financial and economic development model. And so I'm wondering your thoughts on this, especially as right now the United States is trying to emphasize economic war. It's almost as if the U.S. is trying to come to some kind of come-to-Jesus moment and think that maybe Iran will end up like Syria, where the United States did have to also stop waging massive war on Syria and wait it out with the occupation and the sanctions. But your thoughts on this and Iran's role now in BRICS as it joins the New Development Bank?

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Well, the problem for the United States is that what they're trying to do to Iran, they're also doing to themselves and to the global economy. So we already had siege warfare after the 40 days of war, the 40 days of fighting, when Trump began with unconditional surrender and ended by accepting Iran's 14-point plan as the framework for negotiations. He then went back because he refused to accept that, to carry out that ceasefire that was agreed upon back then when we were in Pakistan. You recall that Netanyahu began carpet bombing Lebanon to wreck the ceasefire, and then Trump allowed it to get wrecked. And then he imposed a siege on Iran, and that siege went on for over two months, much longer than what we have right now. And ultimately, Trump had to sign the MOU because he spoke about Herbert Hoover and the Great Depression.

So it's not as if he's just sitting there and it's just Iran. He's strangling himself, his own economy, the global economy, as he's trying to strangle Iran. So I don't see this ending well for the United States, especially since ordinary Iranians, while they will continue to feel the pain, know it's been imposed upon them, and they know that the United States is trying to destroy Iran. They've talked about obliterating Iran, sending it back to the Stone Age, wiping out a civilization. The Israelis talk about tearing it up into small pieces. That's obviously what the Zionists want. So the Iranians are fighting for the survival of their people. They hear the Americans say that they want to destroy the infrastructure so that there'll be a societal collapse. I mean, what sort of monstrous regime would do this?

But that's what the Americans are openly discussing. And Western media is not outraged. Europeans are not outraged. Politicians are not outraged. You don't see European parliaments or the Canadian Parliament or the New Zealand Parliament or the Australian Parliament screaming about these

outrageous crimes against humanity and these threats. So the Iranians know that they have to be steadfast. But the American people, they don't want this war. They know that it's not about the United States. They know that they're being sacrificed for a genocidal Zionist regime. So the American people are opposed to the war. They don't want to have anything to do with it. And the Iranians are resilient because they know that they are the victims. So who is going to be more steadfast under these circumstances? I think it's pretty clear. What was the other part of your question?

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Oh, just Iran's role in the changing order.

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Yeah, I think that this is a part of a broader process that's taking place across the world. BRICS is going to become more important. I mean, it may be slow, and there may be ups and downs and hiccups, but BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, just any non-Western organization or a gathering or any collaboration among non-Western countries, all of these are going to be enhanced across the world. And of course, for Iran, it's going to be a top priority because the United States and the Europeans have shown the Iranian people that, look, we hate you. We want to destroy you. So even those Iranian liberals, that segment of Iranian society that until a year ago, until a few months ago, they thought that, well, you know, maybe it's our fault too. Their worldviews have been destroyed, and they are much fewer in number.

I've seen this and, you know, I've known my own anecdotal experiences of students and colleagues whose political views, whose worldviews, have changed significantly after the war. I'm not saying everyone is like that. You still have some of these liberals who, you know, they live in their alternative universe, but overwhelmingly, we saw the funerals in Iraq. We saw the tens of millions of people who participated in it. The funerals were so big that even Western media could no longer deny them. They couldn't say this is AI or hide them or diminish them or say there were thousands. It was clear what had happened. Tens of millions of people in the heat, in the height of summer, under very difficult economic circumstances. So, yeah, of course, the Iranians are going to prioritize the Global South, the global majority, China, Russia.

There's no longer any debate about that anymore. No one can convince Iranians that, no, we have to prioritize the West. People say that's nonsense. The West is just incapable of behaving normally. And the Western elites have no moral compass. They have seen, you know, five years of the murderous assault on Gaza and Lebanon and the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and then the two wars against Iran. And now the United States is trying to find new ways to strangle Iranians. And you see American senators. I remember during the first siege two or three months ago, senators would go

on TV and say, "They don't have food. They're hungry." It was fake. It was false. But U.S. senators were taking pleasure in the notion that Iranians were hungry. I mean, these are just despicable people.

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Yeah, and finally, Professor Rondi, lastly, your comments on how this Iranian rise to global power will now translate regionally, because there have been several developments, including reports that Iran has warned Syria about its potential intervention into Lebanon against Iran. Hezbollah saying that they have hundreds of targets mapped out, ready to destroy should Syria make such a move on behalf of Israel and the United States. Then there's also the fact that Israel appears to be escalating not just in Lebanon, but also in Palestine.

And we have Saudi Arabia escalating against Yemen. And we have Iran saying that these are all fronts escalating that must be met as part of an end to the overall war. So I'm wondering if you believe that this regional situation for sovereignty will essentially force Iran's hand, even though Iran has solidarity with the rest of the resistance, to intervene in these affairs, given that Israel, Saudi, the U.S., all of them, are seemingly trying to undertake a plan to create a major fire in the region and instability.

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Well, Saudi Arabia is losing in its aggression against Yemen. It's not doing well at all. And Iran has warned Syria, as you rightly pointed out. And it just again shows that this whole proxy war in Syria was a CIA-Mossad operation, where Erdogan and other regional regimes that are in the American camp, they all collaborated together, and they tried to, you know, they tried to make it about the Syrian people. It was a dirty war. Those who supported it, you know, it's clear what's happened, and those who opposed it, they've all been vindicated. Whether these Takfiri, Wahhabi, Salafi people and people on the payroll of Qatar and others admit it or not, it's clear that Syria is a proxy of the United States because Al-Qaeda was always a proxy of the United States. ISIS was a proxy of the United States. There's no doubt about it.

It's always been the case. Again, going back to Jake Sullivan's email in February the 12th, 2012, and all sorts. I mean, I don't want to go over that again. But so Iran is saying that if you act on behalf of Israel in Lebanon, we will deal with you. Plus, you know, they've backed down for now. Iran, the Iranians, as I said from the beginning after the MOU was signed, I don't know if you have it and if you can bring it up in front of you, but on Article 1, Iran said that Lebanon—the war must end, they must retreat, the Israeli regime. And of course, Americans did not implement the MOU. They violated all of their commitments, and then ultimately they attacked Iran again. But in that, it says Lebanon, and then it says all the other fronts, which I said on your show includes Gaza, even though it wasn't named because there was a war going on in Lebanon.

And also Gaza has its additional problems because all these regional regimes went with Trump to Egypt for that fake ceasefire and fake agreement over Gaza. Since then, 1,400 Palestinians have been slaughtered, and none of these countries who whitewashed Trump and praised Trump and were guarantors, they've been silent since. But because of that, when the Iranians would press the United States on Gaza, they'd say, "Well, we have an agreement with everyone in the region." But now the Iranians are more explicit. They've said exactly Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, and Iraq. And then the new chair of the Supreme National Security Council mentioned Gaza specifically. So Iran is intervening. He's saying, "If you want to deal with us, you have to resolve this genocide and end the genocide in Gaza," and, of course, the other fronts as well.

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And they didn't even just say Gaza.

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They mentioned Palestine. So we'll see. This is not going to end anytime soon. But if they want an agreement with Iran, the genocide has to stop.

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Yeah, and I pulled it up earlier.

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And then again,

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Yeah, sorry. No, no, no, continue. Sorry. I was just going to summarize.

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Yeah, I was just saying that again just shows that it's only Iran and the Axis of Resistance that do anything for the Palestinians.

#Danny

Yeah, great points from Rodney. And I just pulled up earlier the original Memorandum of Understanding, which, as you... You want to read the first part, Article 1?

#Marandi

I can't see it. It's too small on the screen.

#Danny

Okay, sure, sure, sure. So just briefly, the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran and their allies in the current war are signing this MOU to declare an immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all fronts, including Lebanon. Yep, exactly.

#Marandi

So it's not just Lebanon. Yeah, that's the part I want. So it's not just Lebanon. But in any case, the United States refused to carry out Article 1. But the Iranians said Lebanon and all fronts. Now the Iranians are saying explicitly what all the fronts mean.

#Danny

Yep, exactly. And then I pulled up Supreme National Security Secretary Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr, who laid out the six demands in a recent document, saying, "Ending all threats against Iran and insults to the country, as well as permanently ending the war of aggression against Iran and its allies in Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, and Iraq." So, as you said, explicitly naming now Palestine, Iraq, and Yemen rather than on all fronts, a big step. And, Professor Rodney, maybe in conclusion, your final word in a minute or so. It seems like Iran is really, when we talk about being in command, Iran is demonstrating that it feels like with its actions and its words every single day now, in contrast to the U.S. It's quite striking.

#Marandi

Yes, although the war is not over, and the United States will do what it can to hurt the Iranian people. And the reason why the elites and the Epstein class hate the Iranian people is because they are steadfast in their support for the Palestinians. The Iranians cannot tolerate genocide. That's their guilt. The Iranian people are guilty of standing up against genocide for the United States and for the Zionists. That's just intolerable. You must support genocide in the West in order to be a part of the civilized world and the international community. So that makes it all the more important for all of us, even though Iran is being targeted now, to keep our eyes on Palestine, to keep reminding people about what's going on in Gaza, the children of Gaza, the men and women of Gaza, and to not let people forget about it for a single day.

I don't mean to harass your viewers to harass neighbors or anything like that, but just to keep everyone—to remind everyone that people are suffering really badly in Gaza. I mean, they're suffering in Lebanon for their heroism, the resistance in Lebanon. Hezbollah is the shining star of humanity. Yemen, and anyone who stands up against Yemen, they are the enemies of the Palestinian people and humanity. But Yemen, Hezbollah, Iran, they are standing up for the people of

Gaza, and we all have the same responsibility. We have to stand up for the people of Gaza and Palestine.

#Danny

Yeah, very well said. Great place to end. Everyone, thank Professor Mohammad Marandi here by hitting the like button before you go. All the places to support this channel are in the video description below.

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And until next time, I will see you again soon.