

Iran Just FOILED US Attack, Death Trap Set for Epstein Class | Dr. Foad Izadi

Iran just put Trump and the Epstein Class on their knees as an imminent US attack has been unmasked. Dr. Foad Izadi, a professor at the University of Tehran, joins for the first time to discuss this and the latest developments as the next round of war nears. SUPPORT THE SHOW PATREON. COM/DANNYHAIPHONG Support the channel in other ways: <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/dannyhai...> Substack: chroniclesofhaiphong.substack.com Cashapp: \$Dhaiphong Venmo: @dannyH2020 Paypal: <https://paypal.me/spiritofho> Follow me on Telegram: <https://t.me/dannyhaiphong> #iran #iranwar #trump #israel

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Dr. Azadi is a professor at the University of Tehran and a prolific commentator, analyst on all things Iran and the Iran war. The United States right now is replacing its aircraft carrier, the USS Lincoln, in the Indian Ocean after numerous reports that there's a crisis on board. Many sailors have tried to take their lives. On top of this, there are reports that Iran is going on the offensive, that it has taken an offensive posture toward the United States and is ready to outlast Trump until his term ends in order to pressure the United States to give in to its demands. Your thoughts on the current state of the war right now?

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I think Iran is trying to avoid being attacked again. In the last year or so, we have lost over 5,000 civilians. A lot of civilian infrastructure has been damaged, according to Trump. The United States caused about a trillion dollars' worth of damage to infrastructure here. That's a lot of money. And you cannot run a country of over 90 million people with two nuclear regimes attacking you every few weeks. So the idea is to avoid war. Iran is interested in this memorandum of understanding that was reached two, three months ago, and they were supposed to negotiate for 60 days, and the United States started shooting again before the 30th day. The Iranian side is trying to give peace a chance, avoiding war, another military confrontation. But in order to have peace, you need to have both sides ready to do that.

And a lot of people here think that the U.S. is just resting and getting ready for another round of attacks. As you mentioned, we have people in the U.S. military that are getting tired. I think a lot of people realize that this is not America's war. This is Netanyahu's war. It's designed to help him. He's running for elections in October. He needs to have some sort of a military confrontation so he can win his election. And Trump was foolish enough to provide American soldiers to help Netanyahu. And now we see people like J.D. Vance, as you said, saying that their priority is to have oil prices down

and the Strait of Hormuz open. The Strait of Hormuz was open before they started this illegal war against Iran. And Iran's nuclear program, according to Trump, was totally destroyed last June. And they have all these cameras in Iranian nuclear facilities.

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If Iran wants to restart that program, they would know in a few minutes.

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So overall, the idea was to take over Iran's oil. This is what Trump has been saying, including about 10 days ago. We had a reporter asking Trump why he wants to take over Iran's oil, and he said that he's a businessman and he wants to make money. He has talked about changing Iran's borders. He has talked about changing Iran's government. So we are dealing with difficult people, the Epstein class, and they're willing to kill a lot of people to have some foreign policy success, which is very difficult to achieve, given the fact that Iran is fighting for Iran. Iran is fighting for the territorial integrity of the country, and Trump is fighting for some legacy of taking over other people's resources.

He's boasting about taking over Venezuela and oil, and he wants to add another line to that heritage that he wants to leave behind, which is difficult to understand because you are not supposed to kill people in thousands to have some sort of foreign policy success. Normal people see that as failure. Normal people see that as imperialism. Normal people see that as aggression. And if you are the president of the United States, you're not supposed to be in the business of gangster capitalism, trying to take over other people's resources.

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Dr. Azadi, what do you make of the U.S.'s capacity to attack Iran again? The United States attacked Iran 30,000 times, and Israel about a couple of thousand times during those 39 days of hostilities, combined with the flare-ups that happened after the MOU was signed. Talk about the U.S. capacity and what you believe the current threat is to Iran right now by the United States. And if you could educate the U.S. population about this from the Iranian side.

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You know, we also have the midterm elections in the United States. Trump doesn't want to see oil prices going up before the elections. But after that is done, I don't think the policy of attacking Iran again is done. I think the United States is trying to recharge its stockpile of military equipment, missiles, other things that they need. The attacks may not be as extensive as what we saw in

February. But by putting pressure on Iran's economy, they're hoping for people in Iran to get tired and help Trump to realize his goals. And this is what they had in mind in February. We had Netanyahu saying, asking Iranians to come to the streets in millions. They actually did.

They're coming to the streets every night, shouting against Trump and Netanyahu. So these two people have managed to unite Iranians more than any Iranian politician could ever do. We have this rally-around-the-flag effect. And even people who didn't like the government, they don't like to send their children to school and not see them again. They don't want their local hospital to be bombed. They don't want their local bridge to be destroyed. And they realize that it's the current government in Iran that's defending the country. And if they have a choice between the current government and war criminals, genocidal people like Netanyahu, they would choose the current government.

So the idea is to reach goals that are not going to be possible. I think the official figure is \$34 billion that the U.S. has already spent. This is taxpayer money, U.S. taxpayer money. They're spending a lot of money. We have had 17, 18 American soldiers killed, young people with young families. And the policy is not really working out. But I don't think Netanyahu and Trump have given up on the goals that they have. Given the influence of the Israeli lobby in the U.S. Congress, they may continue to get funding for this illegal war on Iran. So I'm not very optimistic, to be honest with you.

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Even the mainstream press has noted that Iran has come out stronger in this war than prior to it. Do you agree with these assessments? And maybe you could talk about how you see Iran's current position in this war, now that we find ourselves in this quagmire, as Politico has called it.

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So Iranians are more united, and Iran's military is learning a lot of things. And you have seen these reports that Iranian missiles are getting smarter; they're able to maneuver, more and more difficult to hit, especially when the U.S. is running out of these air defense systems. And Iran is building a lot of these missiles. We had this CIA report a couple of months ago that Iran has maintained about 75% of its missile stockpile. And in the last two months, Iran is building more missiles. So in terms of hard power, Iran is doing okay. In terms of soft power, both inside Iran, outside Iran, Iran is doing okay. And the only problem is that we have the Israelis that haven't given up on balkanizing Iran. They want to destroy Iran.

And they have this president in the White House that's willing to provide money and soldiers for a war that is not America's war. That is why you see more than two-thirds of Americans opposing this war. You have a lot of people in the U.S. Congress opposing this war. And I think the longer this war continues, the more damage both sides are going to face. The only difference is that Iran has no other choice but to defend itself. The other side has this choice of stopping this war because this was a war of choice. They didn't have to start it. They can stop at any time.

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Dr. Azadi, maybe you could speak to Americans and Western audiences who watch this show about what you believe the biggest misconceptions about Iran are, especially now that Iran finds itself in a far different position during this war and in the current phase of the war than it did before this war was launched. Your assessment on this and your words to Americans and Westerners who are watching this program right now.

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You know, for a Western audience, people your age, older than you, for the last 47 years, you have had the mainstream media, the corporate media, demonizing Iran. We had these Mossad-organized riots in January. And how do we know? Mike Pompeo, the former head of the CIA, talked about Mossad agents being on Iranian streets. He hasn't taken the tweets off yet. So we have this type of operations in Iran. And Trump has been exaggerating numbers to justify the war. This is the plan they had, that they would either take down Iran's government through that semi-coup, or if they were not successful, then they would attack militarily.

So the first thing that I'm hoping a Western audience would realize is that what you get in the mainstream media may not be accurate, because the U.S. mainstream media generally supports U.S. wars. This is what they did in the Iraq War, the war in Afghanistan, the Vietnam War, initially at least. Towards the end of it, some were changing their minds. But overall, given the influence of the Israeli lobby in the U.S. media, demonizing Iran is an industry. You have all these people coming on television screens as Iran experts. They're paid to basically provide false information to their audience. So number one, learn about Iran through alternative media, maybe through other means, reading books on Iran. That's number one.

Number two, you know, if you're an American and there is a war, and one side is the United States and the other side is some country in the Middle East, generally normal people at least would want to be on the side of America. But I hope that they don't do that, because if the United States is successful in their operations against Iran, they would try to repeat this in other parts of the world, which means more money is spent, more American soldiers killed. Kidnapping the president of Venezuela was illegal. They did that. Trump felt emboldened, and then he started this operation against Iran. If he's successful with Iran, he may want to go and take over Greenland or Canada or Cuba, do other mischief. So, in fact, Iran is fighting for Iran. Iran is fighting for the civilized world, the world that doesn't want to be dominated by the Epstein class.

So if you are an American, it may be difficult to be on the side of Iran, but at least be neutral. Because if this popular support for the war starts growing, hopefully not, then American politicians generally pay attention to polls. Instead of two-thirds of Americans, if three-fourths of Americans or over 90% of Americans oppose this war, I think the war would end sooner. And war ending sooner is good for the people of the United States because they don't have to pay for it, because they don't

have to provide soldiers, and wars don't have winners. In this case, Netanyahu would be the only winner of this war, not even Israel.

I don't think this is in line with the interests of Israel. It's in the interests of one man who wants to continue his tenure as Israeli prime minister. So if you're an American, the hope we have is that, realizing that Iranians don't have any animosity towards American people. You know, Trump says this: there's this slogan here, "Death to America." But that doesn't mean death to American people. It means death to American foreign policy. When you make a slogan, you have to make them short. "Death to American foreign policy" is too long, so it says, "Death to America." "Death to America" means death to the government that is implementing these policies.

Having a coup d'état in 1953 in Iran, supporting a brutal regime in the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, supporting Saddam Hussein during the war against Iran, and then having all these sanctions that are affecting ordinary citizens here for over four decades now. So death to America means death to these policies. People here, I don't know if you have been to Iran or not, but when Americans come to Iran, they're quite surprised because they find friendly people. They don't mean harm to Americans. You know, generally we consider Americans to be victims of the same government that is brutalizing Iran. They're victims because they have to pay for these policies, and that's not fair.

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Dr. Azadi, do you believe in and agree with the assessments that have been made, even in The New York Times and CNN and elsewhere, that say that Iran has won this war? And if so, what does winning mean for Iran? And if not, why not?

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You know, Iran has won the war because Iran has not been defeated. Iran is standing, bruised but standing. But the over 5,000 civilians that we have lost, they're no longer with us, so we can't ask them. So there's a lot of damage to the country. So if you're counting all these damages and deaths, then maybe not. But if you're defining winning as standing and resisting, yes, there is this culture of resistance here, and people have managed to resist. You know, we are dealing with two nuclear regimes, and they didn't have any limitations. They didn't have any ethical limitations or anything. They attacked any place that they wanted.

With regard to the Strait of Hormuz, you know, we have this international law. I know when you have Trump as president talking about international law, sounds funny. But in Article 17 of the UN Charter and UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, it's available online. Article 17 talks about passage of ships through the straits, like the Strait of Hormuz. But it says innocent passage. And in Article 19, it defines what innocent is, which is not harming the security of coastal states. So you can pass through these waterways, but you shouldn't be shooting at the coastal states when you are passing, which is a very logical thing to say in international law.

So if you attack a country, kill its people, attack infrastructure, you're obviously endangering the security of that state. So Iran, under international law, needs to make sure that this doesn't happen. All these U.S. bases in the Persian Gulf were built using the Strait of Hormuz. So it would be foolish for Iranians to allow the Strait of Hormuz to be used for Iran to be attacked again. And, you know, under this UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, countries get 12 miles of territorial waters and 12 miles of what they call contiguous zone. So territorial waters are just like your land. No difference. Contiguous zone is not your land, but the laws of the coastal state should be respected.

That's Article 33 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and especially with regard to security issues. So you add 12 miles of territorial waters, 12 miles of contiguous zone, you get 24 miles, and the Strait of Hormuz is just 21 miles. So the whole strait is either Iranian territorial waters or contiguous zone, and the same thing is true with Oman. So Iran and Oman are negotiating to reach a settlement, and they would have done it many weeks ago. The problem we have is the United States is putting a lot of pressure on Oman. Trump threatened to bomb Oman a couple of months ago. And unofficial news we have is that they have frozen Omani assets in American banks as a way of pressuring Oman.

And they want to, you know, we have this Iranian corridor, we have this Omani corridor, and the United States wants to have this American corridor in the middle of the Strait of Hormuz. And the United States is not a coastal state to the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. is a coastal state to the Gulf of Mexico. It's also—you shouldn't forget the name—it's the Gulf of Mexico. And so they can do things in their territorial waters, in contiguous zone, in Gulf of Mexico, other areas that they have rights under international law. They are 11,000 kilometers away from the Strait of Hormuz. So they are nowhere near the Strait of Hormuz in terms of geography. Iran has been attacked. Iran is going to use its geography to make sure the country can survive the remaining years of the Trump administration.

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Many have noted that the Strait of Hormuz has given Iran an incredible amount of power over global affairs, that Iran has a lot of power over how to dictate energy markets and, in effect, has found itself in a far more powerful position than it was before the war, just in this area alone. Now, could you give your final words and assessments on what comes next then? Because as you have said already, the United States and Israel cannot be trusted. The United States and Israel will go to war with Iran again in a very short, kinetic manner, should Iran not be able to prevail in the long term, and should this continue to drag on. So what are Iranians preparing for, and where do you see things heading from here?

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Let me just add this with regard to the Strait of Hormuz, that Rubio, the Secretary of State, says that these are international waters. They are not, as I explained. These are territorial waters, contiguous

zone of Iran and Oman. We have no high seas. We have no international waters. We have international ships passing through, but that doesn't make this waterway international. It means international, like the city of New York. You have a lot of international people visiting the Statue of Liberty. A lot of international people go through that area, but that doesn't make that area an international waterway. That's still American territory. So just because you have international ships or international people, lots of them going through somewhere, doesn't change the status of the territory.

It belongs to the people who are the coastal states. So this is a misconception that Rubio has, and we need to remember that. For my final comment, you know, we don't live in the United States. We have no way of pressuring politicians in the United States to stop these wars. You know, Trump came into office promising not to start another Middle Eastern war, and this is exactly what he did. So for people in the U.S., for people in Europe, you know, we have some of these European countries that are providing aid to Israel, providing bases to the United States. The hope that Iranians have, people in Iran have, is that these people who have no animosity towards Iranians, hopefully, would do something so these types of policies are not cost-free.

So if you are an American politician supporting the war, in November, hopefully, you should not be elected again, because if you're elected again, you would continue funding this war. We have no say in American elections, but Americans do. And continuing this war is not in the interest of Iran, and it's also not in the interest of these ordinary citizens of the United States. So the hope that we have is that they would actually vote for peace candidates, candidates that are not supporting illegal wars on other people. And taking over Iran's resources is not going to benefit American people. It's going to benefit oil companies, Trump's friends in the 1%. And ordinary citizens in the United States will have to pay the cost of supporting these wars and are not going to benefit from the loot. Trump and his cronies are going to benefit financially from these types of wars.

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Dr. Azadi, thanks so much for joining me today. It was a great conversation. I do hope to have you on again very soon. Everybody, hit that like button before you go, because that helps boost this program in the algorithm so that more people hear Dr. Azadi's words far after you have finished watching. Until next time, everyone, I will see you again soon.