

Putin's Missiles OBLITERATE Kiev, Iran Drops War BOMBSHELL on Trump | Andrei Martyanov

Andrei Martyanov discusses ongoing the Russian strikes which have sent shockwaves of panic from Ukraine to Europe, and Trump has no answers. Iran has announced a major new escalation against the US in retaliation to intensified economic warfare. <https://www.youtube.com/user/smoothieX12> 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> #Putin #Russia #Iran #Trump

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Welcome back to the show, everyone. As you can see, I am joined by military affairs analyst and geopolitical analyst Andrei Martyanov to discuss the latest developments. First, we go to the attack of mainly the 20th, August 19th and 20th, which is still sending reverberations across Ukraine and the West as we speak. According to Ukraine, more than 16 people were killed. And, of course, they hyped up a children's hospital, residential areas, claiming to be hit by Russian fire. Now, Russia has a different narrative on this, backed up by a lot of facts.

Five military-industrial facilities, they say, in and around the Ukrainian capital of Kiev were hit, according to the Ministry of Defense. In terms of what was fired, 168 drones and more than 70 missiles were fired during this attack. And it led Zelensky to talk about how there were still crews working at the sites of these Russian strikes, and that it was a lack of Patriot interceptors, which makes sense. Defense against Russian hypersonic missiles, in particular Zircon, is otherwise essentially impossible. Now, here are some of the scenes that have come out of Kiev since the attack.

Just massive damage having been done. Here is one that says Kiev continues to burn as warehouses and other infrastructure remain under fire well after the attack. In Iran news, Iran has dropped a bombshell on Trump, saying it's seriously considering a coordinated military attack and options in response to U.S. sanctions as the U.S. shifts to economic war. Now, Andrei, I wanted your assessment first of Russia's attack. They're saying it is the most devastating in months, and this keeps on getting worse. What exactly was hit, and where does it fit within Russia's overall approach to the war now?

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, I mean, it's a continuation of what has been discussed prior, when basically the Ukrainian army is a NATO army, attacked Starobelsk, killing children. And actually, it was three waves of attacks deliberately targeting those poor kids and so on. And that's when Russia decided that, well, it's about time to go from special military operation a little bit towards war. And so since then, Kiev and the industrial base of Ukraine is being consistently eliminated. It will be eliminated. For example, the Zaporizhstal is destroyed. It's the second-largest steel foundry, is out of operation.

Now ArcelorMittal, which is the largest steel foundry in Krivoy Rog, half of it has been destroyed, so the other half probably comes next, and most of the remnants of the military-industrial, or whatever industrial plant in Ukraine, will be destroyed. It is being destroyed as we speak. The strikes are not only at night; they go, well, 24/7. And so, after choking off Odessa, now Russians begin to demolish also all kinds of other places, which, well, basically, apart from the traditional 330-kilovolt substations, rolling stock is tremendously reduced, and it will be completely annihilated. So they wanted war back.

That's a little bit of showing the war, how it looks like, and it will increase in intensity also in coming days. So it's pretty standard, and this is the finish of Ukraine as a state, not just armed forces of Ukraine, which by now is essentially... They still maintain sort of a front, but primarily they are basically concentrated in those Festungs, as they call it, you know, after Hitler, famous Festung, you know. And that's it. I mean, it's physical pulverization of the NATO force. This is the best proxy the Western world ever had, after Hitler, of course. And so it's being destroyed, and it will be destroyed.

#Danny

Andrei, maybe you could talk about what Russia is firing because, as you may have noticed, Ukrainian authorities and Zelensky continue to say they are intercepting all of the cruise missiles.

#Andrei Martyanov

Yeah, yeah, sure.

#Danny

But they're having a huge difficulty with the hypersonic missiles, like the Zircon. And maybe you can help the audience understand, well, what exactly is Russia firing, and how are they firing it to effectively hit their targets? Because at this moment, according to what the eye test and what people on social media are sharing, all of the targets are being hit. But according to Ukraine, they're still hitting, you know, 90 percent of missiles coming at them, but those 10 are hitting targets, and that's why Patriots are needed. So what's actually going on here?

#Andrei Martyanov

They need to take those people from the Ukrainian army, those who give them, and make them professors at the U.S. Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas. They will tell them how to fight real war. But, well, that's what they do. They lie. They have been utterly humiliated and defeated, NATO and the United States specifically, across the board, ranging from, obviously, the Special Military Operation and Iran. Patriots are not going to help them in any way. It's a pathetic system which doesn't work really against modern strike or standoff weapons. And so, yeah, but let them agonize.

That's agony, and it will continue for a while until, essentially, well, if you look at the numbers and what is happening, so they cannot intercept not only hypersonic. Nobody can intercept hypersonic weapons except for Russia, which has specifically designed air defense systems and anti-missile systems such as S-300V4 and S-500, which can intercept hypersonic weapons. The rest of the world doesn't even know what it is. The United States has no—The United States doesn't have even a supersonic weapon, forget about a hypersonic one. So if they want to play computer games, sure, they can do it. But real life, obviously, is such.

The United States and NATO in general has no means to intercept not only their hypersonic weapons, which goes without saying. They will not be able to intercept a combined salvo of the, well, heterogeneous means ranging from the drones, some of them now drones becoming essentially, migrating from this gray zone from a drone into something like light cruise missiles, such as Banderol or Geranium-4, which becomes jet-powered. And then, of course, all kinds of other things ranging from Kh-101 to 3M14 Kalibr. And then, of course, there are all kinds of other things which are flying there, Kinzhal and so on. If they want to try it in real life, fighting Russians, they are welcome.

I mean, I can tell you that the effectiveness of their air defenses, it's not even serious. But yes, it's all about PR. They are good at PR. They are good at propaganda. And that's what they sell to brainwashed public opinion in the West. And so some buy it, obviously, especially baby boomers. But some other people, they hate Russia so much, they invent things, especially U.S. mainstream media and Western Europe mainstream media. They essentially are war criminals, and they push this. But reality is in numbers. They are beyond the grasp of any NATO general. They know they committed a genocide essentially against, you know, Ukrainians. Obviously, they would love to commit genocide against Russians. Average American general or average NATO general, especially from Germany, they would love to kill as many Russians as possible. But they can't because they are not good militarily. And so what happened? They killed—it's called suicide by cop, you know—they killed three million Ukrainian men and women in operations along the front line.

And so now, as yesterday former Defense Minister of Ukraine Reznikov stated, yes, time to draft women. And they already have been doing this a little bit here and there because they are running out of personnel, and Russians are just doing what they do. And this is what real war is. It's about killing enemies, and that's what is happening. And not only that, you need to destroy the military-industrial potential of your enemy, and that also happens. Plus, of course, the militarization of NATO.

They have no stores, essentially, to support Ukraine anymore, and now it's choked off from the Black Sea. Russians had enough with all this BS. The West is now officially the existential enemy of Russia and the Russian people, and has to be essentially, well, subjugated.

Russians do not necessarily want to destroy it. The West will destroy itself. You know, they are doing a swell job doing this. So, but if they want the war, there is this idea that, oh, are Russians ready or preparing for war with NATO? Yes, Russians are always prepared for the war with NATO. For those people who do not understand, NATO and Europe, especially Western Europe, are existential enemies of the Russian people. The United States is merely privileged here only because the United States has the second nuclear arsenal, and nuclear superpowers have to talk to each other to prevent what essentially will be the end of civilization. The rest of it, Europe, just Europa, Europa delenda est, and this is what Russians feel about Europe.

#Danny

Well, just in the last few minutes, Andrei, the Kyiv Independent is accusing Russia of a double-tap strike on a shopping center in the Dnepropetrovsk region, I believe that is. No, no, the Dnepropetrovsk, right? The Dnepropetrovsk, or is it... Dnepropetrovsk, yeah. Right, right, right. And saying they killed at least 14. Talk about, you know... Ukraine has been sending hundreds, sometimes a thousand drones at Russia in a single day. Now, many of these, according to reports, 700, 800, 90%, almost 100% of these drones are intercepted, but some do hit their targets, and they hit civilians. So what do you make of this narrative that Russia is the one that is targeting civilians right now? According to top people inside of Russia's military, they're saying they're surgical about this, that they are trying to avoid harming civilians. I know you have analyzed how Ukraine has fought this war, making it maybe difficult to be surgical about it.

#Andrei Martyanov

It's not Ukraine, it's NATO. Yep. NATO in general, and the United States in particular, is really good at shock and awe in terms of killing civilians. You saw for yourself what happened with Minab, then the lyceum or gymnasium for other kids in Iran, and that's what they do. I mean, they pretend that they don't, but no. It's part of the doctrine: shock and awe, to kill. You saw for yourself what was happening in, for example, Iraq also, you know, just executing people, essentially. But, well, Russians stated after, basically, Starobilsk, that now, if you are civilian but you are around military targets, we do not care anymore. Do not forget, that's also NATO's modus operandi: to hide behind civilian backs.

For example, just to give you... American crews of the Patriot PAC-3s, those Patriots, they have been located and hidden, with launchers, within the apartment blocks, you know, clusters of apartment blocks where civilians live. That's why Russians didn't attack them, you know. So that's what they do, and... Basically, now, as I already stated, the special military operation begins to migrate towards kind of—it's not quite war yet—but towards real war operations. And if civilians are harmed,

well... NATO, because that's what the armed forces of Ukraine are, NATO attacks colleges, schools in Russia, hospitals, libraries. So apartment blocks, they love to attack apartment blocks, kill civilians there. So what can I say? And, yeah, you have to consider who journalists from the West are.

They are war criminals, editorial boards of the mainstream media in the United States or in Western Europe. These are Goebbelsian propaganda. I repeat it ad nauseam, and I will repeat it. They don't have humanity in them. They are just prostitutes, basically. That's who they are. And they will not report that on Russians. So, but yeah, there is a lot of also enjoyment, let's say, in Pentagon and CIA when they kill Russians. So, you know, as I already stated, if they could have killed more Russians, they would have done it. And so now, if somebody kills some Ukrainian civilians, Russians don't do this on purpose. But if they hit that, let's say, shopping center, that's where they hide the remnants of their military technology and stores. It's shopping centers, schools, hospitals. That's what they do.

#Danny

Yeah, yeah. And Andre, maybe you can help us understand, you know, in combination or in line with Russia's strikes on Kyiv, there's also the battlefield. And according to TASS, Russian troops have liberated 11 communities in its operation over the last week. Maybe you can tell us what Russia is doing on the battlefield, how it complements these strikes on Kyiv and surrounding areas, and how does it fit within the overall strategy?

#Andrei Martyanov

The overall strategy is to physically eliminate military threat for Russia. That strategy is a grand strategy, and that means demilitarizing NATO, which largely has been achieved because NATO has literally nothing. I mean, they want to—if, for example, the French Air Force or U.S. Air Force wants to transfer F-35s or F-15s to basically Ukraine, then, you know, there are many people in the Russian Air Force who would love to deal with that, including, obviously, people from the Air Defense. But they will not do it, at least not yet. Plus, they don't have stores. They literally ran out of ammo, all kinds of ammo. And so, in terms of the line of combat, Russians are not in a rush. Again, this is the strategy which anybody—there are very few people in the United States who read the seminal work of Alexander Svechin's Strategy. It's the strategy of exhaustion.

You literally exhaust the enemy to the point that they run out of everything, including the will for fighting, and then you crush them. And that's exactly what is happening. And as I already stated, average U.S. generals or European generals—modern generals, not Nazi generals; those, they were good at it—and they cannot even comprehend the numbers of the Ukrainian casualties. They never dealt with anything like this. They killed, again, suicide by cop, three million, most of them at the line of combat contact. And now that, when you have the situation where Russians are already semi-circling the Druzhkovka-Kramatorsk and Slavyansk agglomeration, and there are already battles in

Druzhkovka, no matter how they sit there, there are all kinds of, like, Slavyansk Thermal Power Station, okay? It's a massive concrete, you know, perfect-for-defense, you know, facility. It doesn't matter.

I mean, it's just a matter of time, and the way Russians fight, it will be liberated fairly soon. Russians were not going to rush. They're going to be preserving their own personnel. But if need be, they will pulverize both, you know, Kramatorsk and Slavyansk. And after that, it's the Barvenkovo road over fields. There's nothing you can do in terms of strong points and erecting any kind of defensible defense to Pavlograd and Dnepropetrovsk. So that's the left, basically, shore of the Dnieper becomes, you know, Russia-controlled, especially when it's coordinated, which is happening right now. All kinds of the situation around Orekhov, and it's kind of to pull up a little bit the right flank of Russian troops towards Zaporozhye. That's it.

And when you look attentively at the other, which are not constitutional territories of the Russian Federation, such as the four oblasts, which is Kherson, Zaporozhye, Donetsk, and Lugansk, Russians are very deep, very deep in Kharkov, Sumy, Dnepropetrovsk oblast. The Russians will not give up on those, too. But at this stage, they will be declared buffer zones. There will be kind of gray zone, but there will be people who will be patrolling them and making sure that no living person there even decides to do anything harmful towards Russia. Simple as that. So the remnants of the people who are not total morons in the NATO staffs, they know what is going on.

They can see it, and that is why panic and desperation. And again, it doesn't matter. You see, that's the point. That's what they didn't understand. And Vladimir Putin's famous quip that we haven't started anything yet—now Russians begin to start talking something like that. Okay, and so when you look at it strategically, yeah, this is the war they wanted. Now they have to live with it, you know. And so they shouldn't have been killing Russian civilians, you know, and especially after what has been done: mass executions, rape, slavery, torture in Kursk. You know what? Russian public now ready to finish off Ukraine. They want to finish it. And there's no brotherly people anymore, you know. So it's simple as that.

#Danny

Yeah, that is. And that's a turn of events that falls solely at the feet of NATO. They're not the right people. Yeah, I mean, Russia has been, even until today, they talk about trying to be as surgical as possible. But you can't be. Yeah, I mean, how can you be in that notion also, Andre, of human shields? I mean, it's absolutely—it doesn't get any coverage in Western mainstream press about how.

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, you have to understand, if you take The Atlantic, for example, this is the most woke, LGBTQ-oriented publication, and they hate Russians. They hate them with all their heart because, as you know, the Russian Constitution will basically outlaw very many things they try to promote. So they

would love nothing more than kill Russians. Again, as I already stated, this is why the West has been completely debased, humiliated, and it's becoming actually dehumanized Russians to such a degree that, as I already stated, take anybody—editorial board in The Atlantic, CNN, Washington Post, Times of London, you know what, Frankfurter Allgemeine—where the actual correspondents, journalists, ask how can they help Ukraine to kill more Russians. So he is, by the way, has been charged in absentia.

All of them, almost without exception, could be persecuted in international law as criminals against humanity and war criminals, which most of them are, because they are nothing more than the second iteration of the Goebbelsian Ministry of Propaganda. These people are actually genocidal. And this is what Russians understood. You cannot talk to American politicians, let's say, from some senator. Most of them are genocidal maniacs, you know. So apart from the fact they are cowards because they don't understand what real war—well, nobody in the United States, including military, understand what real war is. They got a taste of it only recently when they got into direct conflict with Iran, and even that is just, you know, what is happening in terms of the intensity of the operation right now. What can I say?

They still cannot wrap their brains around that we're talking about a front 1,200 kilometers long. U. S. Army simply has no resources or ability to handle this. I mean, they don't have experience, they don't have... So there's a lot of sore losers. There's a lot of butthurt people. There's a lot of people who are bitter about them when they understood that they are essentially primarily a paper tiger. Basically, it's all about Hollywood and propaganda. And when they can see how their hopes to remove Putin's regime, as they call it, then break Russia apart and continue to consume their resources—well, they are morons. They don't know military history. They learned nothing from it. They, well, come on.

I mean, there are still some people, even in the U.S. military, who think that the 1812 Overture was written by Tchaikovsky because of these regimental-level skirmishes in the United States. The fact that the 700,000-strong greatest army at that time in history had been defeated by Russians in Russia during Napoleon's campaign—who cares, you know? So that's how they think. That's how they think. And now, when they look at the picture, some of them will not be able to handle it. They don't understand that the American army is obsolete. It's an obsolete force, and it's good only for the imperial endeavors to keep all those colonies, so to speak, down, to fight people who cannot shoot straight back. This is a completely different game. They never were ready.

#Danny

Great points, Andre. Now, I only brought up this article from The Atlantic because 40 days ago, Zelensky declared that there was going to be a reign of terror on Russia that was going to force Russia to the table and to end the war. That was going to, of course, include all of what we've been covering both on this show and you've been covering, all of these drone attacks on Russia. And here is The Atlantic talking about how Ukraine was going to target civilian airports with AI-guided drones

in order to, as you said, target civilians. How is that campaign going, Andre? Because it seems that Russia's strikes on Kyiv and its movement on the battlefield is only escalating. It seems like it's having the opposite effect of what Ukraine said they were intending and what I guess NATO was intending.

#Andrei Martyanov

And there is a bunch of nincompoops and morons in U.S. media. Most of them are. And so they don't understand that Russians are the wrong people to screw with. And actually, their resolve and hatred increases. And if they think that they can actually scare Russians, I have a bridge to sell them, you know. So these people are utterly incompetent, highly uncultured. American elites in general, modern elites, are highly uncultured people. They don't understand anything about warfare. They are driven by all these primitive, you know, impulses. And so, yeah, try to attack Russia on the ground. They tried in Kursk. Russians killed 80,000 of them there. And so, well, now Russians are contemplating what to do with the rest of Ukraine. And so, I don't know. But obviously, these people, they believe these fairy tales.

Well, I can tell you there are many in U.S. military corps, I mean, officer corps, who believe those fairy tales. So that tells you how extremely low the professional level of those people is, on the operational and strategic level. And so they will continue to write all those things, you know, propping up only in verbiage. It's like a famous Oriental proverb: it doesn't matter how many times you say "honey," it's still not going to get any sweeter in your mouth. And that's what they're only capable of doing. Again, PR, you know, this verbiage, you know, things which are hurting insults and things like that. The reality on the ground: the United States and NATO have been utterly defeated on the battlefields of Ukraine. And now the United States has been also humiliated in Iran. And so the whole world saw it.

And they cannot fight themselves out of a wet paper bag. That's who they are. And so the whole—I cannot even describe to you the scale of this catastrophe for them, because many people still cannot grasp. But at least somebody started to talk that it's not even Vietnam. Yeah, it's not. Vietnam is a stroll in the park compared to what they—they cannot cover it up anymore. Because the event and the scale of the events is historic in nature, and it is the end of Western civilization's reign. Well, it was done already a few years back, but now we can see the physical manifestations of this. And as I already stated, if you take a look at my first book, written nine years ago, it's called *Losing Military Supremacy*, which was much talked about to start with. And this is what I told people then, that the United States is not a modern military.

Its military has lost the arms race, and they cannot even, you know, admit it to themselves. And now, when it became so evident—and you talk about this, especially the most important thing, the operational-strategic level, where military victories are won—you know what? After I saw... Everybody, when we saw the 2023 counteroffensive, which was planned and controlled and commanded by the United States Army, Mr. Donoghue and Aguto planned it with their Wiesbaden

group, and American officers were present down to the tactical level, commanding, even controlling the company level. They killed 200,000 troops, didn't even reach the first line of defense. This is everything you need to know. But now it became so obvious.

The United States doesn't have functional air defense. It doesn't have enough standoff weapons. Well, it doesn't have anything except for huge aircraft carriers, which they move here and there. Nobody knows what is going on there. I'm not going to be, you know, going there. And so, yeah, yeah. No American pilot knows what it means to operate against a first-rate Air Force and Air Defense, which has no rivals in history. So what do they have left? Well, nuclear weapons. That's what it is. And even there, that's a whole other story, okay? There's a whole other can of worms. And as a result, they will continue to do this propaganda because their elites and people who own them—for example, Washington Post, we know it's a dumpster for CIA—somebody owns them, you know.

The New York Times is, I don't know, FBI or something like that. They're all connected. They're all corrupted, you know. So, the venality of the American political system is out of this world, you know. And now the United States doesn't even have U.S. armed forces. It has Israeli armed forces. And it doesn't have U.S. Congress. It has Knesset 2.0. So the Russians know it. There's nobody to talk to in the United States. It's an utterly corrupt situation we have in Washington, D.C., and a bunch of incompetent people who drove the country into the ground. And so the only thing which is left for them is what? Terrorism. Yeah, they probably—that's what they do really well: kill civilians, you know, things like that. And that's it. Completely impotent.

#Danny

Yeah, and I pulled up Andrei Martyanov's book here, Losing Military Supremacy. And I want to now, actually, this is a good segue, Andrei, into this story, which I know you've been reading up on all the reports recently, that the United States is hoping to address what Navy Times is calling operational tempo ordeals that they've been dealing with for years, exposed by the Iran war, in particular, of course, the recent fiasco that just blew up on the U.S. Navy with regard to the USS Lincoln. And the very notion that the U.S. needs more ships, especially even aircraft carriers. Andrei, so talk about what this means, operational tempo ordeals. What kind of ordeals is the U.S. Navy facing? And how does this reflect on the overall situation that the U.S., as a supposed hegemon, faces now, not just operations in Ukraine as the leader of NATO, but also with Iran, which, as you know, the focus now, Andrei, is economic war. And I wonder why that might be. Your thoughts. Because they don't have military means to conduct.

#Andrei Martyanov

They have been defeated. So, no, I mean, first, listen, we can talk about Lincoln and whatever we want, and who knows really what is going on there. But, yeah, evidently things are bad. But nobody mentioned something which is more catastrophic. For four days, USS Benfold, it's Arleigh Burke-

class, I believe, Flight II destroyer, had been without power. It was literally, for 96 hours, drifting in the ocean without anything, without power, no air conditioners, no working radar or any kind of other sensors. It's just basically a huge 11,000—well, 10,000-ton metal box with 300-whatever, 20 or whatever the crew is, people being boxed in there, dying from whatever, no running water, no nothing.

That's because the U.S. Navy, first, it operates based on a completely outdated, obsolete operational concept, because essentially nobody really who has any kind of missile weaponry and even rudimentary air defense is afraid of the U.S. carriers. It's U.S. carriers which they cannot put any closer to the shore because they will be either hit or, let alone, God forbid, sunk. So the U.S. Navy have been driven into the—well, they don't operate on the ground, so it was literally driven into the ocean. And you have the issues of the technology maintenance, which are critical for especially older ships.

You have issues with the poor design. Evidently, after whatever the USS Ford—good Lord—it was one disaster after another. And you have the old equipment. You know, a Lincoln is what? I mean, it's a 30-year-old ship. Can you imagine 6,000 people on this thing with the air wing, which is constant, and then you suddenly have what they say—they said it was 2,500 calories a day, what you need for especially younger people with the physical effort they conduct, especially for the deck crew and people who work on the aircraft carriers or on the aircraft in their hangars. You need probably twice that, okay?

And so when you look at this, yeah, it's falling apart. That was the result of their idiotic idea. You have to understand, take any American president starting from Clinton and their administrations. This is a bunch of lawyers and political pseudoscientists and old people who never served a day in uniform. And even when they did, they do not understand modern weapons. They know this, you know, broken record that, oh yeah, aircraft carriers represent, you know, projection of power. Yeah, they can project power against Venezuela. Venezuela is in the business of selling their presidents, okay?

So they need aircraft carriers just for the, whatever, helicopter to pick up their yet another president they are going to be selling to the United States. In terms of the serious countries, especially which do possess their anti-shipping weapons, they are no good at all. They're just fat, huge, prestigious targets. And obviously, when you look at that, I'm not sure I can say about Iran that they have as powerful and as technologically advanced anti-shipping missiles, something on the level of the Onyx, of course. But Syria used to have Yakhont, which is the export version of Onyx. It's a supersonic missile limited to the 300-kilometer range. But if they have Onyx, it's 1,000 kilometers, and it can fly in swarms, which communicate between each other. The new fad called AI—it's neural networks, essentially.

That's what it is. They are Mach 2.5. And so what are you going to do with this Navy? What, you want to put their 6,000 sailors and airmen under the strike of this? And God forbid it's just, you

know, if it's a swarm and you get hit and you sink or you burn, as happened, you know, things before, such as Enterprise, you know, and Forrestal, you know, fires and things of this nature. And they haven't been hit. Here you would have, if you have even two Onyxes, each with 300 kilograms of high explosives, arriving into your—it's not good, okay? Let me put it this way. And so this is what is happening. The only thing they know is to get the aircraft on the deck, load it with whatever they have left, with all JDAMs, you know, and JASSMs, launch it, and, you know, hope and pray that something will be accomplished.

Well, yeah, they blow up some Iranian, you know, facilities, including civilian ones. But the United States doesn't have enough TLAMs, Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles, and JASSMs. So their stocks have been depleted so badly that the United States essentially cannot conduct any war. But it never could. All operational planning of the so-called combined arms operation never proceeded beyond probably a maximum 45-day, two-month period. This is how they plan. After that, everything should fall in place, and democracy—that means what the basically speculative capital begins to celebrate the achievement. But the problem is, no, they cannot conduct. They don't know what real sustainment is. They cannot sustain anything, and that has been demonstrated.

#Danny

Yeah. I mean, the failures are just massive, Andre. And it also demonstrates a massive overestimation that these so-called, as you call them, these amateurs demonstrate—that they believe they are far more, maybe, cunning and far more powerful than they really are. Because when I look at this, Andre, when I see what the U.S. Navy reported, that the loss of power on this destroyer you were mentioning, the Bamford, it meant that they were without toilets, workable toilets, air conditioning in the South China Sea, mind you. That is a very hot place.

#Andrei Martyanov

It's horrible. I cannot imagine what they...

#Danny

Potable water, no potable water for four days, and no comments on how waste was handled amid this. You know, it's an absolute disaster. And right now, though, USS George Washington, which has its own problems, has left the Asia-Pacific, is now in the so-called West Asia theater, the Persian Gulf theater. But now the naval presence in the Asia-Pacific, which is supposed to be the United States' number one priority against China, that's basically gone. It's not there anymore because they had to move the USS George Washington, facing its own internal problems, to this theater where they have to stand, I don't know how many kilometers, thousands of kilometers away, to enforce this blockade. Your thoughts on this, especially now with Iran talking very confidently, even talking about how they will strike militarily in response to economic warfare, which is not something that has been normally done prior to February 28th, of course. Your thoughts?

#Andrei Martyanov

Well, I mean, Iran is victorious militarily here, because immediately, first, the United States is really good at finding excuses and arranging things as if it didn't lose. It lost tremendously militarily. And again, it was humiliated. And so, yeah, now the economic—okay, yeah, sure. Iran lived under all those economic sanctions for, what, 46 years? So there is a long difference. And that is why today the foreign minister, Arakchi, stated that he gave the list about those incredible sanctions. Obama in 2012—oh my God, crushing sanctions. How they can crush it? Well, yeah, I'm not trying to paint everything in a rosy picture here. Iran does have economic problems. There is no doubt about it. And there is an issue of the hyperinflation with riyal and things of this nature. But here's the difference.

And it's already been confirmed. First, they have now Russia and China in their corner. Their sanction regime has been broken. That's what many people do not understand. And gravitation of Iran towards Western Europe—there is a lot of liberal pro-Western people in Tehran—but I think they learned their lesson now, that essentially, Russians, for example, provide quite a bit of the crude for Iranian needs of occupancy. And, of course, there is a line of communications between Russia and Iran there. China provides things. So it's not as easy anymore as it used to be. And even then, Iran sustained it, you know. So this is a different setup, different arrangement, you know. And we have to wait and see, but obviously the so-called resorting to all those economic sanctions is the fact of the military defeat.

The United States literally have nothing to fight with. I mean, they can still launch some F-18s, you know, or even F-35s with some gravity bombs or whatever left of JDAMs, whatever the kids have for that, you know. They need to get into the Iranian airspace, and we don't know. We absolutely blacked out on that. Whatever is being actually restored or supplied in terms of the air defense in Iran, it is clear that they have means to defend themselves. And now, absolutely, they've never been able to destroy the Iranian capability to produce missiles. And so they have the range if they need to strike Europe, for example, just for the heck of it. But primarily, it has to be understood that there is another factor which is unfolding there. I don't know how far it will go, but it's really... it's a circus.

Now Turkey and Israel are almost ready to go at each other's throats. Oh, my God. So Iran kind of also has now the consciousness in the area, you have to understand. The reign of these Gulf monarchies, you know, those fake, you know, cities and towns like Dubai and all that, it's over. It's over. They are bound to, you know, bow to Iran because Iran knows they are the original superpower now. So the rest of it is just how it's going to be arranged and how the United States will be completely removed from the Persian Gulf. And many people do not understand, again, that there were 13 American bases in there, all gone. So this is a catastrophe, okay? And so... what can I say? It's a bizarre world we live in. It's really something on an unimaginable historic scale.

Many people simply cannot comprehend what is happening. But what just happened in the last five years: complete demolition of the combined West and parading it for what it is—decomposing societies, economic basket cases. The United States just recently marked a huge achievement: \$40 trillion national debt. So they don't know how to run countries. They don't know how to control anything or manage anything. Because what you have is the result of all kinds of degenerate elites reproducing another, even more degenerate offspring. They are lawyers. They are some political scientists. They are whiteboard people.

And many people think that the powers that be, say Rothschilds or whatever, you know, those people, old money, which really run the world, that they are smart. No, they don't understand a thing about the real world. They know how to make money, and they will choose people like—you know, somebody left a post in the discussion board on my blog that, oh yeah, you know, WEF, World Economic Forum, Klaus Schwab and all that. If you give me \$200 billion, okay, I will be able to select the dumbest, the most venal person I can. There's no problem for me, because that's how stupid those people are. When you choose somebody like Macron or Friedrich Merz, the problem, if you need somebody to run the world for you, you don't have anybody who is smart.

You have a bunch of cretins there who will sell their own family or what have you, and deviants and all kinds of people who are mentally not straight, okay, not normal. And as a result, if you think you're smart, what are you going to do? You're going to choose people who are smart, who maintain some kind of order. No, no. These people are also dumb as their, you know, their marionettes, which they choose. And as a result, this is the implosion of the whole damn thing. And now, then suddenly it begins also—it becomes clear that most of this wealth is virtual wealth. I mean, it's like, yeah, Elon Musk is a trillion dollars. Yeah, let him cash it.

Let's see what's going to happen when he'll come and cash it. I mean, people still believe this Wall Street BS, these bubbles, you know, of nothing. And the West produces today next to some things which are very important. But other than that, I mean, if you look at Jeffrey Barnett's 14 points he wrote in 1992 in the U.S. Army War College Parameters—the times when the U.S. Army was thinking straight, you know, understood some things—he wrote about 14 points why the West was dominant. If you go over those 14 points, by now, the West doesn't satisfy 12 of them, which are critical. It's very interesting. It's like when you check boxes, you would do it in '92, and then now it's gone.

The only thing they have some kind of control of—and even that is not anymore the fact—is the control of the financial system. In terms of moral leadership, the world loves the combined West, you know. And then you begin to look at the productive, you know. In terms of the military, you know, arms race, which is critical, they lost it. Do they control airspace? Not control. They are obviously the largest producer. But look at Russia. Look at China now. And you begin to look at this like, oh yeah, the main consumer of the finished products. Not anymore. Europe will be poor. It's becoming poor, and it will be even more poor. And that's the whole thing: historical change of unimaginable scale.

#Danny

Yeah, I agree with you. We definitely are on that wave right now of that historic change. And what happens, Andre, when the very—this is Abbas Araghchi's response to the crushing economic operations of Donald Trump. He reposted something from 2012 by Barack Obama, when his vice president then, Joe Biden, said, "These are the most crippling sanctions in the history of sanctions, period." That was during the Obama administration against Iran. And Araghchi goes through them: the sanctions of 14 years ago failed. Maximum pressure, eight years ago, failed. Unconditional surrender, five months ago, failed. Today, most crushing economic operation ever, bound to fail. We've seen this movie before.

Same bull, different bullies. Andre, what happens when economic warfare and all these other measures—because you mentioned that the U.S., NATO, yeah, they can kill civilians, they can do these sanctions, which also kill civilians in their own kind of way, depending on what you're talking about—yet they don't succeed in achieving exactly what the United States wants as a hegemon, which is to get rid of a country like Iran, as Besson said, to conduct regime change? What happens when all these measures just keep on failing? Now we're at a point where the Trump administration is rebranding a decades-and-decades-long policy against Iran since 1979 as some kind of major crushing blow. But I guess I want your explanation, if you could, to the audience, what it means when the U.S., yes, can do damage to ordinary people, which is deplorable, and, you know, if anyone has any conscience, but cannot get what it wants. That's a—it's already happened. Yeah.

#Andrei Martyanov

It's already happened. And, yeah, some people started to go even, which is true, that, you know, the special military operation and the Iranian war, they are essentially links of the same chain. I've been talking about it for years, actually. And so, not only about Iran, but that there will be this—they will be trying to push for whatever to preserve the empire. United States has to go back to Western Hemisphere, and it has to do with soul-searching. It could be very painful, and it could be even bloody. But the United States has no resources anymore to pretend that what it was. Essentially, it was the stolen valor after World War II, because the main fighting was not done by the United States.

The issue was decided in Europe. And so the United States, because it exited World War II in incredible shape, it was responsible for half of the production in the world at that time. But Europe, whatever they try to play with Europe, nothing could be done about Europe, because there are very many processes that are irreversible now, both economic decay and, well, they might preserve some kind of their value as a tourist destination, unless, of course, they will—like France, the south of France—no normal people go to Marseille or what have you. And so that's it. It cannot maintain its name in its present form. It can't. It simply doesn't have resources. It cannot reindustrialize the way it was basically planned.

They don't know what plan is by Biden administration. Trump administration can do nothing about it. They build some things, but it's not reindustrialization. And so there are all kinds of problems. And the United States simply doesn't have resources to do anything about it. So it will have to go back to its own shores. Europe will be poor, but very important historically—the Eurasian landmass, the rest of it, we'll see how it will go. You know, it's very difficult to predict now in detail what can occur down the road. But it is what it is. I mean, the defeat is there. It just, as I already stated, in historical terms, it's instant. Five years, nothing in historical terms. Okay.

And so we are in the arrangement phase: how it will be done, how Russia will settle with the United States, or rather, how Russia will force the United States to accept what had happened. And now Iran is just, you know, additional. It's basically cherry on the top. That's what it is, okay? And so, I don't know. Trump administration—oh, come on. I mean, the venality of Washington, D.C. is unbelievable, okay? So what can they do? Nothing. And Trump really can do nothing. He is utterly incompetent and now a mentally declining man. And I'm not going to go into his moral or other lack thereof qualities. So look at the bunch of sycophants and bunch of amateurs in his administration. It's pathetic, really.

#Danny

Yeah, and there's still two more years, Andrei. Yeah, sure.

#Andrei Martyanov

He betrayed the country. He betrayed the people who voted for him.

#Danny

Oh, well, and that seems to be par for the course. We had that—what? Biden 2020 was supposed to be the return to normalcy, right? Return to normalcy under Biden. Obama was supposed to be hope and change. Trump, MAGA. And then again, it all seems to orbit around the same BS, which then—and yeah, that's the only thing that they are able to produce, is BS.

#Andrei Martyanov

That's.

#Danny

And you have countries like Iran, Russia, and now China, which, I don't know if you saw the recent poll numbers, Andrei—China now, its prestige around the world is just incredible. Well, yeah, of course.

#Andrei Martyanov

They are basically the workshop of the world, obviously. And they do a lot of things, yeah. Chinese definitely have a lot of things which they have to do. And yesterday, I believe, it wasn't Wang Yi, I believe it was from China, they posted that we don't care about your sanctions. Nobody cares about sanctions. Nobody gives a damn.

#Danny

No, and countries all over the world, from Canada to Germany, and even in these Western countries, Andrei, are saying they have a higher favorability of China than the United States. It's a major shift.

#Andrei Martyanov

For them, China is a market they hope to use to survive. Not going to happen. The Chinese are not interested, also. They are interested in some technology being transferred. But again, the issue here, no, Europe has to be just a market. And that was the whole idea behind BRI, which is the Belt and Road Initiative. There is one problem here. That's where the Chinese miscalculated. They thought that European countries' wealth would grow. It's actually not growing anyway. It's declining tremendously. And as a result, the purchasing power declines tremendously, and it will be much worse. But wait, they look at the markets in Southeast Asia. There are all kinds of other dynamics there.

#Danny

Iran.

#Andrei Martyanov

And Russians sit pretty much, and they know what they accomplished.

#Danny

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